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TRUE FRIENDS.

Mary Ann stood on the back porch churning. Her dress was neatly tucked away from the contact of splashing buttermilk, and her eyes rested on the blue flecks of sky, showing through the leaves of a Virginia creeper which covered the lattice; but her thoughts were remote enough from flecks of sky, green leaves or splashing buttermilk.

Inside the dim sitting room her mother nodded to the musical rythm of the churn, and the buzzing of two flies, high on the window pane. The needle, stuck half way through the cross stitches in the heel of Mary Ann's stocking, was held perilously close to the gray head bending over it, and bobbing up again at regular intervals. The warm, languorous June day courted sleep, the churn dasher outside rose and fell monotonously, and its cadence mingled with Mrs. Smither's dreams.

Presently there came a rap of bony knuckles at the front door. Mrs. Smithers's head gave a final jerk upward and her eyes blinked open. She rose and hastened to the door, the stocking still in her hand. "Oh, is it you, Liza?" she said. "Come right in. I was half asleep when you knocked—these long summer days make one so drowsy."

Liza gave her ... 'ts a shake.

"It's awful hard ... r people to keep clean in Kansas," she complained, "with the wind blowin' the dust all over creation." She seated herself and glanced smilingly about her. "It's nice in here, though," she added, "and I'm mighty glad I found you at home, because I came on special business."

"I hope you didn't come beggin' for the church," said Mrs. Smithers. "There ain't a red cent in the house, and won't be until Mary Ann finishes the churnin' and sells the butter."

"That's her churnin' now, ain't it?" asked Liza.

"Yes. Why?"

"I've got somethin' to say I don't want her to hear, that's all." She took off her mittens and smoothed them out across her lap.

"Sarah," she began solemnly, after an awkward pause, "I've always been a good friend to you, haven't I?"

"'Bout as good as any friend I've got," answered Mrs. Smithers, with a curious intonation which was lost on Liza, so intent was she upon the subject in hand.

"Well, I've come to do you a friend's turn now." Here she paused again, and Mrs. Smithers, drawing her needle through, held it suspended, waiting to hear. "Sometimes," Liza went on, "people's own kinfolks is the very last ones to hear things that's goin' on—talk, I mean—and that ain't right. If there's talk goin' on the ones nearest of kin ought to be the first to hear it. Leastways that's my opinion. Ain't it yours, Sarah?"

"It depends," said Sarah dryly.

Liza rolled the mittens neatly together and turned the hem of one over both.

"Now, supposin'," she said, at a slight loss for words for once, "that I had a girl like Mary Ann—"

Mrs. Smithers involuntarily started. For a second she shook as if with a chill.

"And people was goin' roun' talkin' about her? Wouldn't it be your duty to come and tell me?"

Mrs. Smithers did not reply. Her wrinkled face had turned a palish yellow under the tan of the Kansas winds. The stocking had fallen into her lap.

"Of course it would," continued Liza, "and so I'm goin' to tell you this, because I think you ought to know it."

She coughed twice behind her hand before she began again.

"As near as I can make out," she said, "it was this way: Jake Saunders was comin' along the road from Mulvane Saturday night—I think it was; yes, I'm sure it was Saturday night—and he saw two young people driving towards him in a buggy in the shadow of the trees. It was bright moonlight, you know, and when they came out from under the shadow the young fellow threw his arms around the girl's neck and kissed her! Kissed her right there in the moonlight where Jake Saunders could see, where anybody could 'er seen what had a mind to look! Why, in the name of common sense didn't he kiss her when they were in the shadow of the trees? That's what I'd like to know. Sarah, that young fellow was Charlie Sullivan, and the girl—well, the girl was—Mary Ann!"

Mrs. Smithers had mechanically taken up her work and was slowly running the long needle through the heel of Mary Ann's stocking. She pressed the threads down with her thumb nail and snipped off a stray end with her scissors. Her face was emotionless, as if carved in stone, but the fingers that held the scissors trembled a very little.

"You know Jake Saunders," Liza went on. "He can't keep nothin'. That was Saturday night, and before mornin' the whole town was alive with it. Everybody knew it, even the little children. Such things go like wildfire, once they get started, and the worst of it is they keep addin' and addin'. You wouldn't 'er known the story by Sunday, they'd put so many frills and furbelows to it."

She looked hard at Mrs. Smithers, searching in her stony features for some slight encouragement to proceed, but, finding none, she proceeded anyway.

"Now, seein' I'm your best friend, Sarah, I thought it would be a kindness to come and tell you what they were sayin'. It seemed sort of pitiful like to hear everybody talkin' about Mary Ann, and you smilin' around unbeknownst—smilin' maybe at the very people what was doin' the worst talkin'."

She fidgeted a moment, while the sound of the churn filled up the silence.

"As I said to Jane Hawkins," she wound up lamely, "it wasn't right. If nobody else would come and tell you, I said, I would."

Mrs. Smithers cleared her throat.

"I see by the mornin' paper," she said, "that's wheat's gone up. That'll be a good thing for Kansas—that is, if the railroads don't charge mor'n it's worth to haul it away. This ought to be a good year for Kansas with such big wheat crops and the corn so fine."

"Yes; the corn's fine enough right now," retorted Liza, "but there's no telling what it'll be before the season's over. Like as not the hot winds will kill it, or the chinch bugs'll eat it all up."

She flipped a speck of dust from her sleeve and took up the old subject where she had left off.

"If I was a lone widder with one daughter, and people was talkin' about her, I'd thank somebody to come and tell me. That's what I would do."

"I try not to think of the chinch-bugs," said Mrs. Smithers. "If they come, let 'em come. Any way, half a crop in Kansas is better than a whole crop in any other state. That's what the matter with Kansas. Her own people run her down."

Liza suddenly left her chair and stood erect, her starched skirts rustling with indignation.

"You're a queer creature, Sarah Smithers," she said. "You never were like other people, and you never will be, I guess. When a friend comes to do you a kindness you ain't got a civil word in your head for her. This is the last time I'll go out of my way to accommodate you—the very last time!"

Mrs. Smithers remained seated.

"You'll excuse me not goin' to the door with you, I hope," said she, without offering any special reason for not doing so; and her visitor flaunted out of the house and down the walk alone, heedlessly brushing against the inoffensive rows of phlox and sweet williams as she went.

When the gate had closed upon her with a loud click, Mrs. Smithers raised her head and listened for the sound of the churn. It had ceased.

"Mary Ann!" she called softly.

"Ma'am," answered Mary Ann from the pantry where she stood, moulding a shining pat of butter.

"Come here a minute."

Mary Ann printed a clover leaf on the butter, laid it on a plate, and appeared in the doorway, holding it out upon the palm of her hand.

"Look at this," she said, "ain't it yellow as gold?"

"Yes," smiled her mother, "but put it down and come here."

She put the plate on the table and approached her mother, her face flushed with the exercise of her work. She knelt down by her.

"There's something I want to tell you," she said, clasping the old woman's waist with her strong young arms, and throwing back her sunny head with an ecstatic gesture, her eyes aglow.

"Wait," said Mrs. Smithers. "Maybe I can guess what it is. Let me see!" She pondered, her finger on her lip. "Saturday night you and Charley Sullivan were out driving along in the shadow of the trees. You were driving towards Mulvane. He asked you to be his wife and you said you would. What a naughty girl, to promise without her mother's consent! Just then you drove out of the shadow into the moonlight, and he threw his arms around you—and kissed you!"

The girl smiled and dimpled.

"Why, mother!" she cried. "How did you know?"

"I'm a mind reader," Mrs. Smithers answered; then, seeing the puzzled look on Mary Ann's face, she added: "No, dear, I'm not a mind reader, but I've got so many friends—good, true friends who come and tell me things they think I ought to know."

"I hear one of them coming now," said Mary Ann, rising from her knees. "You go to the door, mother. My face burns so."

Mrs. Smithers put down her work and went to the door. She half opened it and looked out.

Entering the gate was a middle-aged woman of ample proportions. As she approached the house her wide skirts filled up the narrow walk, bending the slender stalks of the flowers to the right and to the left. She panted as she climbed the steps, a broad smile further expanding her face across which the skin was stretched, drum like, to its utmost tension.

"How pretty your flowers always are, Mrs. Smithers," she gasped. "How do you ever get them to grow like that in Kansas?"

"I suppose stayin' at home and tendin' to 'em has somethin' to do with it," answered Mrs. Smithers grimly. At the same time she fastened the hook on the inside of the screen door.

Mrs. Hawkins stood outside, like a book agent, meekly waiting to be admitted.

"Ain't you goin' to let me in?" she asked.

Mrs. Smithers answered the question with another.

"Are you one of my friends?"

"Yes."

"Have you come to tell me something you think I ought to know?"

"Yes," answered Jane Hawkins.

"Well, then, I'm not at home," said Mrs. Smithers, and she slammed the door, drew the bolt and went back to her darning.—Peterson's Magazine.

ETIQUETTE OF THE TOILET.

Peculiar Method of the Russians in Arranging the Hair.

"The etiquette of the toilet varies in different countries," says a contributor of Cassell's Magazine. "I can remember reaching a khan in Armenia once, accompanied by a big party of fellow travellers. Our party had wandered about for miles, and lost our way, and it was so late that we were too sleepy to eat. We were ushered into a long, low room, with beds on the ground about a yard from each other. I was the first to be awakened the next morning by a sunbeam dancing on my face, and on looking up, found that the occupants of the bed next to mine consisted of a man and his wife and a little girl of about three, who had apparently gone to bed in their clothes. In this instance the husband simply got up, shook himself and put on his boots; the lady braided her hair and put on her boots and the little child had gone to bed in its boots. They proved to be native Christians, who have a rooted hatred for soap and water, more intense even than that of Russian pilgrims, whom I remember on board a vessel going from Constantinople to Joppa. On fine days a barrel of water was brought up to that portion of the deck roped off for the accommodation of the Russian Pilgrims, who occupied themselves in singing hymns and making tea in a samovar, a utensil much beloved by an old aunt of mine, who informed me, in all seriousness, that she much preferred tea a la Russe, 'in a semaphore,' although she did not explain how she was going to get it there. The Russian pilgrim's toilet resembles the way in which the Chinese laundrymen dampen linen, for they would approach the barrel, suck up a mouthful of water, and carefully blow it over the head of some companion whose hair they were arranging."

Wisconsin's Fairest Daughter.

Miss Elizabeth Stephenson, who was selected to christen the battleship Wisconsin at San Francisco, is one

MISS ELIZABETH STEPHENSON.

of the fairest daughters of the Badger state. She is the child of ex-Congressman Isaac Stephenson of Marinette, and is just 21 years old. The Wisconsin sponser was born in Marinette and was educated at Milwaukee-Dower College and LaSalle College, near Boston. She was graduated from the latter institution with high honors. Miss Stephenson is a magnificent specimen of young womanhood. She is almost six feet tall and slender. She has dark eyes and a bright, attractive face. Her father is quite wealthy.

Deserved a Credit.

"Tommy," said the teacher to a pupil in the juvenile class, "what is syntax?"

"I guess it must be a tax on whiskey," replied Tommy. And the teacher thought he was entitled to a credit of 100 per cent.—Utica Press.

It has been calculated that ordinary gunpowder, on exploding, expands about nine thousand times, or fills a space this much larger as a gas than when in solid form.

HOMESICKNESS IN THE ARMY.

The Cause of a Number of Deaths In the Civil War.

Illustrative of how nostalgia becomes a serious matter the following instances are related:

One man from the colored troops on the fighting line who came with the first detachment was not wounded, but only stunned by the explosion of a shell which had fallen near him. There was nothing the matter with him but the shock to his nerves and homesickness. He spoke to no one. He would take no food, and he sat huddled together on his cot, looking out from the open flies of the hospital tent with a face full of unspeakable loneliness. Every morning when she came to the hospital Mrs. Marsh would bring him some little thing which she had prepared for him at home; little by little she wakened his interest and finally he was dismissed from the hospital happy and well. One of the doctors and the writer were speaking of this case—Ward his name was—when a physician offered an illustration of homesickness.

"When I was assistant surgeon in the army during the last war," he said, with an amused nod to the young assistant listening, "I had an idea that I knew more than the surgeon major. I suppose all assistants think so at one time or another, but I believe that in this case it was true. Our major was a hard man and there was one case in camp that he had no patience with. It was a poor chap who was simply dying of homesickness. I stopped by him one day where he was sitting with his face in his hands, and I put my hand on his shoulder and spoke a word or two, and he looked up, and I shall never forget his look as he said: 'You're the first one that has spoken a kind word to me since I came.' I told the surgeon about it afterwards and he said it was all nonsense, and that the man was simply too lazy to work. I said, 'He's not lazy; he's sick.' But the major had his mind made up, and he hunted the poor chap out and set him to loading stuff in the commissary department. That afternoon I came across him sitting on a sack of grain with his head down, and I noticed the way he'd slumped forward. I laid hold of him and found that he was dead. Plenty of them died that way—of homesickness."

There was an odd look on the faces of some of the men on the cots when the doctor had told his story, as if the brief service in Santiago had already taught them what that sickness meant. —Frank Leslie's Weekly.

Winnie Davis' Left Hand Work.

Apropos of the death of Winnie Davis, there is a story told of her by a resident of Philadelphia, which shows why she was held so dear by the veterans of the Confederate army. The man who tells it was a colonel under the stars and bars, and is now a rich man. "But five years ago I wasn't," he says. "I'd lost every penny I had before the war and I had not made many since. A big slump in the West had done for me, and I put up at a New York hotel with just enough to pay my bill and no more. My nerves gave way and I was taken ill. The doctor said I must have a long rest and a complete change of scene. I said I might rest in the grave and change this scene for that of the next world, but that I had no money or friends and would never leave the city any way but feet first. Well, Miss Davis was stopping at that hotel. She knew I wouldn't accept money from her, so she got the doctor to pretend he was lending me his own. I went abroad and came home cured and already on the way to health. It was only then that I found out whom I owed my life to. You know her book, 'The Veiled Doctor?' Well, for me there is an equivocal significance in that name."—Philadelphia Press.

Some Watch Hints.

"It is a bad practice to be continually setting a watch by the stem setter," observed a watch repairer, "for it has a tendency to wear out the band that attaches the hands to the pinion. The hands are tightened to the pinion as firmly as they can be, and every setting loosens them somewhat. There is a class of persons who set their watches every day rather than give a little attention to the matter of regulating them. They find that the watch gains or loses a minute or a few minutes in each twenty-four hours, and instead of curing this by the regulator, which is put in the watch for that express purpose, and no other, they force back or forward the hands by the stem setter or by a key.

"If the hand pinion wears out, which it frequently does, it is considerable of a job to put in a new one or place new bands on it, and the work necessarily costs something, for watch repairers have to charge for their work. If a person knows that a watch gains or loses a certain amount in each day, it is better to calculate back or forward than to be continually setting it. A little study of the regulator will do the work much better, without the rask of wearing out anything." —Washington Star.

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LONG-DISTANCE FIGHTING.

Impossible to Tell Infantry from Cavalry at 2,000 Yards.

"Unless they have had experience," remarked an army officer, "people are very liable to have a very imperfect idea as to distances in army field operations, and as a result they get things terribly mixed. When they read that armies are engaging with each other at 2,000 yards between them, they may think that they can see each other, but the reality is far different. At that distance, to the naked eye, a man or a horse does not look anything larger than a speck. It is impossible to distinguish at that distance between a man and a horse, and at 800 yards less, 1,200 yards, especially where there is any dust, it requires the best kind of eyes to tell infantry from cavalry. At 900 yards the movements become clearer, though it is not until they get within 750 yards of each other that the heads of the columns can be made out with anything like certainty.

"Infantry can be seen in the sunlight much easier than cavalry or artillery for the reason that less dust is raised. Besides that, infantry can be distinguished by the glitter of their muskets. At 2,000 yards, however, everything is unsatisfactory, even with the aid of field glasses, for a marching column in dry weather raises a great deal of dust. At our recent engagements at Santiago the heavy rains of course kept down the dust, but the falling rain shut out from view the opposing forces as effectually as would the dust. Even a glass would not penetrate it.

"There is no doubt that the rifles of the present day do service at a much greater distance than those formerly used, but no general is going to waste ammunition at a greater distance than his men can see to properly use it. Any first class arm will shoot and do good service at a greater distance than men can clearly see, but the chances are that no battles will be fought at such distances.—Washington Star.

A STRANGE LAKE OF DARK FLUID.

California's Most Unnatural Natural Curiosity.

Without doubt the most remarkable body of water in the world lies in the vicinity of the Colorado river, in southern California. In this region of ugly volcanoes, desolate wastes and slimy swamps, the strangest phenonemon of all is what the naturalists call a "lake of ink." No other description fits so well. The strange black fluid that forms the lake bears no resemblance to water. It must some day have been a "lake of fire," and even now it tallies exactly with the familiar description of the infernal regions. Thick and vicious and foul smelling, it seems altogether unfit that it should deface the surface of the earth.

The pool of ink is situated about half a mile from a volcano. It is about an acre in area. The surface is coated with gray ashes from the volcanoes to the thickness of about six inches, thus concealing its real nature. A traveler not prepared to avoid its treacherous depths might easily walk into it.

Experiment has proved that the black fluid of the lake is not poisonous. It acts as a dye, and cotton goods soaked in it keep their color for months, even when exposed to the sun. They also acquire a stiffness similar to that produced by weak starch. The fluid has been analyzed, but its component parts have not been made known. As to the nature of the supply of the lake nothing definite has been ascertained. It is undoubtedly of volcanic origin, but nothing more definite is known.—Salt Lake Herald.

CHRONOGRAPH WATCHES,

They Are Used by Nurses as Well as Sportsmen and Are About Perfect.

The properly equipped trained nurse, whether at the seat of war wearing the badge of the Red Cross or waiting upon the afflicted at home, carries a chronograph watch; not the large, split-second timing piece associated with the sports of the turf and field, but a handsome little single chronograph, cased like other gold watches designed for women's use. These watches are especially made to enable trained nurses to take accurately the pulse of their patients. The moment the pulse has been taken the large sweep second hand can be instantly stopped by a slight pressure upon the stem of the watch; if there is fluctuation in the pulse, the second hand can be thrown quickly back to the starting point and the pulse taken over again without in any way interfering with the other mechanism of the watch. So much depends upon accurate knowledge of the pulse that these chronographs are an invaluable auxiliary in the work of the sickroom. While these watches are an entirely recent idea, many physicians and surgeons carry regular chronographs for the the same purpose. The watches for nurses sell at $50; those for physicians range from $100 upward.—New York Sun.

PRIZE SYSTEM SHOULD GO.

The Navy Has an Unfair Advantage Over the Army.

In the rapid and decisive victory over Spain in the war for Cuba there is glory enough to go all round, and the veterans of the battles on both land and sea are sure of the Nation's eternal gratitude. But in the substantial fruits of the victory there is a certain disproportion between the navy and army which seems incongruous, absurd and unfair. For instance, by reason of the fact that the fleet under Admiral Sampson's command captured, without resistance of any sort, a number of unarmed Spanish merchant vessels, and in the Santiago fight killed a certain number of Spanish seamen, the Admiral will get over $40,000 in cash when peace is declared, as his share of the spoil, while all the other officers and sailors will receive a substantital share of the prize money, in addition to their regular pay. Admiral Dewey, for killing a certatin number of Spanish sailors at $100 a head in the battle of Manila, will get about $9,000, and all his men will get their proper share for the killing. Less than a dozen men in the American Navy were killed or wounded. They were comfortable in their roomy quarters, they were far removed from fevers and miasma, well fed and well tended, and, as events showed, were never in any great danger.

But Gen. Shafter, Gen. Wheeler and the men who braved the fevers of Santiago and the withering fire of the Spanish sharpshooters at El Caney and San Juan make no money out of the war. Even the gunboats in Santiago Bay, surrendered to Miles and Shafter, but claimed at first by Sampson as his lawful prizes, yielded no prize money to either army officers or soldiers. Many of the latter are buried in Cuban soil. Others died on the way home or in the hospitals on their arrival North. Others, weak, fever-stricken and wasted, are still fighting for life and health. The survivors get, or will get some day, $16 a month, or $64 for their four months' campaign, together with their board.

Is there not something wrong in the prize money and bounty system which causes this absurd disproportion between army and navy rewards? It is true that it has been largely a naval war, and the officers and men of the navy have come out of it covered with glory. Nothing was further from their thoughts in the fierce fighting at Manila and Santiago than the fact that every Spaniard killed was $100 in their pockets. But the whole prize and bounty system smacks of piracy and medievalism. It has no place in the naval code of any civilized and Christian nation. It ought to go, together with the system of naval promotions, which, in honoring one brave officer and increasing his emolument, degrades and fines other officers just as brave, whose only fault was that to them was not offered the opportunity which presented itself to and was improved by their more fortunate fellow officer.

ROBERT BROWNING'S LOVE STORY.

His Devotion and Reverence for His Wife Read Like a Tale from Fiction.

"Wherever Mrs. Browning trod, whatever she touched became endowed with the sacredness of her presence," writes Clifford Howard, of Robert and Elizabeth Barrett Browning, in the "Ladies Home Journal." "When Mr. Browning returned with her on a visit to England, after an absence of several years, he repaired to the little church in which they had been married, and there, at the entrance, he reverently kneeled and kissed the paving-stones upon which she, the light of his being, had stepped. And in after years, when the light had gone from his life, he sought this sacred spot on the 12th of each September, and in the dusk of the evening shadows passers-by might have seen a white-haired man kneeling for a moment as if in prayer before the doorway of the dark and silent church. Yet little would they have thought to recognize in this man the poet Browning, he whose mystical writings had led the world to regard him as a man of austere nature.

"Not once in all the years of their married life was Browning absent from his wife a single day. At home or on their occasional journeys he was ever with her, ready to protect her and to wait upon her. Often ill and unable to leave her room, he nursed her with the tenderness of a woman, cheering her in her convalescence with stories and songs or reading to her for hours at a time, as he oft had done in the days before their marriage. It was in his touching thoughtfulness—in his little acts of loving and unsolicited attention—that his love for her was most truly shown.

About Precious Stones.

A remarkable fact has been discovered. The colors of precious stones are not permanent in the light. To give a chemical and physical explanation of this is difficult; for, although chemical reunions in solid bodies have been proved, one would not presume them to occur in the exceedingly hard minerals concerned. A ruby, which had been left for two years in a light show window, was found to be considerably lighter after this time had elapsed than a stone, previously of exactly the same color, which had been kept in the dark. Similar results were observed with emeralds and sapphires. Still more hasty than with these valuable colored gems is the action of light on the less expensive stones. Garnet and topaz differ in that the former becomes dim and dull, while the latter only turns lighter.

BRAZIL'S COMMERCE.

The Average American Overlooks the Opportunities That Lie at His Threshold.

While seeking in the Far East for consumers of his surplus products of farm and factory, the average American overlooks the opportunities open to his enterprise and sagacity in a continent which lies, comparatively speaking, at the threshold of his factory and the gateway of his farm. At the same time, he fails utterly to realize that the United States the chief consumer of South American products is paying, by way of exchange, a vast tribute to Europe, not merly on what is taken from her nearest and most natural market for her own products, but on all she sells there. If intelligently utilized, not only would the semi-home markets of South America save to the American consumer what he now pays in exchange to his more enterprising European competitor, who has forestalled him in the exploration and development of the vast resources of the southern republics, but they would in time turn the overwhelmingly adverse balance of trade to the credit of the United States.

To-day the leading commercial city of Brazil, Rio de Janeiro, with a population of nearly 750,000 souls, contains but one strictly American mercantile house supported by any considerable amount of capital. In the entire republic, with a population of 16,000,000, only two such houses exist. The American colony, registered, numbers probably 1,500, embracing a few coffee buyers, agents only, farmers, clerks, mechanics, dentists, and other professional men scattered over the country; while the British, French, German, Portugese and Spanish colonies number respectively, in the order named, many thousand inhabitants, representing hundreds of millions of dollars placed in mercantile, banking, mining, transportation, and other pursuits, which yield remunerative dividends.

It is obvious that a large number of energetic and intelligent Americans engaged in industrial pursuits in Brazil would have an enormous influence in developing the natural resources, and, consequently, in increasing the purchasing power of the country.

HOW MICA IS OBTAINED.

The Process is Described as the Poetry of Mining.

The mica trade is controlled practically by three or four large concerns in New York, Chicago and Boston. These houses have an agent who buys for cash whatever mica is brought in by the miners. They control the market and fix the prices to be paid to the miner, as well as the prices for which it is sold in the markets.

Mica, it need hardly be said, is a very valuable, almost precious, mineral, as those who are obliged to buy a small strip for their stove doors will testify. A package worth hundreds of dollars can be carried in a basket slung over the arm, or in a pair of saddlebags on horseback. When prepared for the market the solid block, as taken from the mine, is split into sheets. These are cut into squares or rectangles of almost every possible size, from 2x2 inches up to 8x10 inches, and sometimes even larger. There are no less than 183 regular sizes kept in stock by dealers.

The mining of mica is the poetry of mining. It is impossible to conceive of a more exciting and fascinating employment. The vein of mica-bearing quartz, lying between rocks of different formation, has been found. The cap rock has been blasted away. Little "nigger-heads"—small lumps of crumbling mica mixed with slate and other rock—are growing plentiful. The rock is carefully examined by the experienced miner, and all indications are that mica will soon be found. A blast is made. The rock and debris are cleared away, and there in the bottom is a block of the precious stuff, a ragged corner showing itself black and glittering in the white quartz in which it is imbedded. With the tips of the fingers the miner gently and affectionately brushes away the dirt and small stones which partly covers it. Its thickness is carefully noted, its position in the rock is learnedly discussed, and many a speculation indulged in as to its size and quality. The hole is quickly drilled, the small blast is made, just loosening the rock, and all eagerly crowd around as one of the men with his pick pulls away the broken stone. There it lies, a black, glittering mass, nine or ten inches across its face, three or four inches thick, and irregular in shape, as all blocks of mica are. A good-sized block, and, if solid and of a perfect cleavage, will be worth several dollars. The excitement is not allayed, however, and will not be until the block is split open and we know how it looks on the inside. It is a very bad thing to split open a block at the mine, and contrary to all rules, for there is danger that the fine, polished faces will be scratched.—Goodey's Magazine.

The Usual Progress.

Wheeler—I wonder what has become of Walker; I haven't seen him for a week.

Ryder—I saw his wife yesterday. She said he was learning to ride a wheel.

Wheeler—How's he getting along?

Ryder—On crutches, I believe.—Chicago News.

A New Kind of Trolley.

Who would have thought ten years ago that the following little conversation would occur in 1898?

"Mama, Mama," said four-year-old Dotty, as a tired pair of horses lazily dragged a street car along an unfamiliar avenue, "there's a new kind of twollie car as have to have horses."—Electrical Review.

THE CAPTAIN'S ECONMOICAL WIFE.

Toppled the Other Way and Put the Bone in Place

In a Massachusetts seaport town there is a retired sea captain who makes a frequent boast that he has the "smartest woman along shore." New instances of her enterprise are constantly coming to notice. The last one refers to an exploit by which she saved herself a doctor's bill. The captain tells the story with great relish.

"She's getting pretty heavy," he begins, "and now and again she'll miss her footing. Well, not many months ago she missed it on our stairs and fell all in a heap down three steps on to her side.

"When I got to her, she said, just as brisk as usual: "Don't ask me if I've hurt myself, Cap'n, for of course I have. I reckon I've unjointed a bone in my left leg, falling on it. Now don't try to pull me up. Let me scramble round a minute, and you go for the doctor.'

"Well, the doctor's our next neighbor, so it didn't take long to get him. He looked her over, and said there was a bone somewheres round her left hip that was out of kilter.

"At that mother rose right up on her feet and toppled over the opposite way from what she'd fallen downstairs, and we heard a kind of a crack.

"She looked up at the doctor with her mouth kind of whitish, but the same old twinkle in her eyes, and she says: 'I believe I've set that bone myself, doctor,' and she had!"—Youth's Companion.

FRIENDLY WITH THE DOGS.

The Rats Knew Their Protectors and Wouldn't Eat Without Them.

A gentleman who lived some years since in Renfrewshire was accustomed, after his shooting excursions, to feed his dogs in their kennels, the food being placed in a long trough. On one occasion, when he had attended to them as usual, he looked into the kennel through a hole in the door, and was somewhat astonished, not at perceiving a number of rats there, but at seeing them in the trough, quietly and fearlessly partaking of the bread and milk with the dogs, which seemed to pay no attention to them whatever. He was determined to destroy the rats and the next day he placed the trough in such a position that a gun pointed through the hole would rake it from one end to the other.

At the usual hour the food was placed as a lure, and the dogs were kept out, but the plan did not succeed. The plotter against the rats could observe the head of one of them—old and sagacious—peering out at hole after hole, and from under the manger for the purpose of reconnoitreing, but none of them descended. Having waited to no purpose for half an hour he let in the dogs, and in a few minutes the rats were again feeding in perfect harmony. They seemed to be aware that their safety was connected with the presence of the dogs.

Slang Puzzled Him.

Edouard Remenyi, the great violinist, who recently died, used to say that some of the hardest studying he ever did in his life began after an experience he had in Detroit.

"On my first tour of this country," he delighted in telling, "I worked unceasingly to acquire a knowledge of the language and got on fairly well. But the slang that I found so prevalent baffled me more than anything else. I gave a performance in Detroit one night and met with a reception that warmed my heart toward her people. Among other things, this appeared in one of the papers next morning: "Here an ugly, little, bowlegged chap, whose clothes hung loosely about his ungainly person, waddled to the footlights. But, sakes alive! how he did play the fiddle!'

"Now, I couldn't make out what that 'sakes alive' meant, so I timidly approached a gentlemanly citizen, told him of my inability to grasp the meaning of the slang, and asked him if the expression was intended to be complimentary.

"He kindly read it and replied: 'Well, I should snicker.'

"I was more bewildered than ever, and from that time on made the study of slang one of my chief occupations."—Detroit Free Press.

WIT AND HUMOR.

"Did she break down when you told her you were going abroad?"

"Naw. I think she felt like doing one, though."—Indianapolis Journal.

"I spent $100 on my silver wedding present to my wife."

"What is it?"

"I don't know; she hasn't got through exchanging it yet."—Chicago Record.

"Mike," said Plodding Pete, "how is it dat some o' dese people kin work day after day an' never seem to feel it?"

"Well," replied Meandering Mike, reflectively, "I s'pose dey is started in young an' gets to be immunes."—Washington Star.

"Do you understand women?"

"Yes, I understand them well enough to know that I can't understand them at all."—Chicago Record.

"Hark! Somebody is playing a delightful bit from Wagner."

"Oh, no; that's only James shovelling coal in the cellar."

"You called on Miss Spritely the other evening? Didn't you find her charming in conversation?"

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From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20th, 1898.

Each week since our Commissioners demanded the Philippine Islands friends of the administration have informed the public that an ultimatum had been spent to Spain that would end the business, but the business isn't ended, and the answer submitted by the Spanish Commissioners last week, is every bit as unsatisfactory as their first. There has been quite enough talk about ultimatums; it is now high time to actually send one. The Peace Commission has been sitting seven weeks and absolutely nothing has been settled. It is time for this government to show whether it or the influence of the Spanish bondholders is the strongest. There isn't the slightest doubt in the world that the delay has been caused by the bondholders, who want to come in somewhere in the game.

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There was a pointer as to the probable time that Gen. Fitz Lee's corps will go to Cuba in Mr. McKinley's answer to the delegation of Savannah business men who invited him to come to their city and review Gen. Lee's troops, when he goes to the Peace Jubilee, at Atlanta. He told them he would be in Atlanta Dec. 14, and would gladly come to Savannah and review Lee's troops, if they were not sent to Cuba before then. It was evident to his hearers that he thought Lee's corps would be in Cuba before then—so evident that they asked him if he could not come to Savannah before going to Atlanta. He told them he could not. But plans as to sending troops to Cuba have been changed so often that they are as likely to be changed again as to be carried out.

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Senator Caffrey, of Louisiana, says he will oppose the ratification by the Senate of a treaty annexing the Philippine islands, but upon one condition would gladly support it—that all the negroes be deported to those islands and never be allowed to return to the United States. Mr. Caffrey said: "If the South could be rid of the negro problem, it would prosper beyond the dream of man. With its great natural advantages, of climate and of soil, with its coal and iron hidden away in its mountains and with the vast inducements for capital which it would offer, if the negro problem was settled, it would take a great stride forward."

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The presence of Boss Platt and Representative Odell, chairman of the New York State Republican Committee, at the same Washington hotel, last week, was hardly accidental. Mr. Odell is a candidate for the Senate, and although Boss Platt has apparently sanctioned Chauncey Depew's senatorial aspirations, this Washington meeting has added to the number of those who believe that Odell is the man Platt wishes to have for his colleague in the Senate, or that they are setting up the pins for a dark horse.

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Senator Morrill, of Vermont, came very near to sizing up the situation in connection with the high jinks—beg pardon, High Joint Commission, that is trying to agree upon a treaty that will smooth out all the kinks between this country and Canada, when he said: "The trouble with the situation is that Canada has nothing to give. She had her houses all painted new by the agreement of 1854 to 1864. Now they have grown weatherbeaten and dingy; she wants them to have a new coat of paint."

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Those Republicans who talk about the recent election having been an overwhelming endorsement of their party are merely indulging in pipe dreams. There was nothing over whelming about the election. On the contrary, it was only by the skin of their teeth, as the saying is, that the Republicans escaped defeat. It was such a close shave that a change of 300 votes, distributed among eight Congressional districts, would have put the Republicans in a minority in the next House, instead of a majority. It should not be forgotten, either, that the Republican majority in the next House will be forty less than their majority in the present House. To blow about such an "endorsement" as that is simply to exhibit gall.

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Senator Faulkner says it is by no means certain that the Republicans will control the West Virginia Legislature that will elect his successor. The result will depend upon the official count in a number of districts, and Mr. Faulkner expresses confidence in Democratic control of the Legislature.

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Although Representative Grosvenor and other friends of the administration have been industriously denying that there was any lack of harmony between Czar Reed and the administration, or that there was any intention on the part of the administration to try to prevent Reed's election as the Speaker of the next House, there are other facts, such as the public statements respectively made by Boss Hanna, and by Representative Dingley, who was made Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by Reed, and who is Reed's man, which offset those denials. The two statements are directly opposed to each other. Dingley says no revenue legislation of importance is needed and that there will be none by Congress. By many who make a study of the intricate undercurrents of politics these two opposite statements are regarded as the first guns in a fight between Reed and the administration.

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No federal troops are to be sent into either North or South Carolina as a result of the race troubles in those states. The administration has decided to confine its interference in those States to trying to get evidence to have any parties who have interfered with any Federal official in the performance of his official duties indicted by the Federal grand juries connected with the U. S. Courts in the two States.

Cornelius Smith, who ran as an independent candidate for Judge in Lackawanna county, will contest the election of Judge Gunster, who ran upon the Democratic and Republican tickets for the same office. Judge Gunster received 13,487 votes and Smith received 7,113. The contest is based upon the Act of Assembly, of 1896, which provides that "upon the official ballot to be voted for at any election the name of any candidate shall not appear more than once by certificate of nomination or more than once by nomination papers." This was one of the foolish laws passed by the Republican legislature of 1896, and may be the means of depriving a faithful and upright Judge of the office to which he has been elected by a large majority of the voters.

Lehigh Valley's Vaudeville.

An exchange is responsible for the following:

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To Elevate Morals.

A curious plan for elevating Georgia morals has been formulated by a well-known citizen of Atlanta. He proposes that each county shall decide by vote on January 1, of each year, who the worst man in each county is, and the man receiving the highest number of votes shall on the enusuing February 1 be hanged. It is claimed for the plan that it would induce bad men to migrate, and that the "complimentary vote" received by those who had just begun to be bad, but were not generally recognized as such, would tend to create a desire within them to be enrolled among the well behaved.

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The average man, if asked what is the most important crop of the world would unhesitatingly say, "Wheat." This is true in the United States, but far from the case in the world as a whole. The first place must be given the potato. Of all the staple crops of the world, the potato takes the first place, the annual crop being more than 4,000,000,000 bushels, against 2,500,000,000 bushels of wheat and 2,600,000,000 bushels of corn. Of the total potato crop, Europe produces fully seven eights, and one-half times as much as of wheat, and all the cereals together are but 50 per cent. more.—George B. Waldron, in *McClure's*.

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The adoption of machine labor in places of manual labor in many pursuits and industries where its use has long been deemed impossible or impracticable is another evidence that the world is fast nearing what may be termed the machine age when no trade, art, industry, or work now done by hand, will be exempt from its domination. Many failures extending through many years seemed to forbid its use in setting type and to prove that this most difficult of tasks would never be successfully accomplished. But it has been, and in all the large newspaper and job offices of the country the type-setting machine is at work.

Voting machines are the latest successful achievement in mechanism and without much doubt their use will in time be universally adopted. Their use in Rochester at a recent election was most satisfactory. Twenty minutes after the polls closed the full result of the voting was known in that city. Fraud was made impossible in the casting and counting of the ballots and voters had not the least difficulty in casting their ballots.

This promises a reform of the most practical value. There is no doubt the time is coming when inventive genius will minimize the work of the ward heeler. It seems that it has come now, and New York has made the experiment on a very large scale by testing voting machines in a large and important city. The ballot law of Pennsylvania is a cumbersome piece of insincere patchwork, costly and dissapointing. A machine in itself cannot lie or cheat. It is automatic, and it records without feeling and reports without a bribe or remorse. It will be interesting to read the final result of machine ballot boxes in a noted city of a great state.

The machine and the method of using it are described as follows:

The voting machine does all the work of canvassers and tally clerks. All the voter has to do is to move a handle over a face that looks like the switchboard of a telephone central office, and when he leaves the booth the apparatus clicks and his vote is not only recorded but is added on to the total. When the machine is locked at the end of the day it has automatically added up the vote of every candidate.

The machines in Rochester worked perfectly, and there will be a bill introduced into the Legislature directing the use of the machine all over the state, In Rochester, which is a city of 133,000 people, there were 73 standard voting machines employed, and the result was that the total vote of Rochester was known in just 37 minutes after the polls closed. This time was required to get the totals of the 73 machines together and add them. In Syracuse, which has 40,000 less population than Rochester, the return was not complete until midnight.

There are as many stupid men in Rochester as anywhere else, but with the voting machine the dullest voter could not get mixed up. The voter cannot lose his vote by voting for two candidates for the same office, the most frequent blunder noticed when ordinary ballots are counted.

There are no springs in the mechanism, so there is nothing likely to get out of order; not one of the 73 machines used at Rochester failed to do the work expected of it.

There is a little lever before each name on the face of the machine, and the voter picks out his ticket by shifting these from perpendicular to horizontal. If he chooses to vote a straight ticket he merely moves a handle over the party emblem at the head of the column, and when the machine registers it records a vote for every candidate under that emblem. Moving the levers does not record the vote, so there is all the opportunity for correction that one could desire. It is only when the man inside the booth opens the curtains to leave that his vote is counted as indicated by the levers. The totals of the votes cast can only be read when the machine is locked against voting.

The voting can only be done when the curtains that hide the voters are closely drawn, and as he steps back the little levers all fly to perpendicular again, and there is nothing by which a man can tell how the man ahead of him voted.

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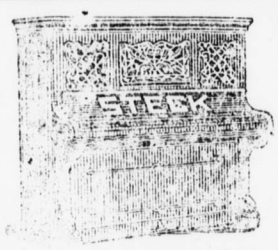

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STATIONS.	EAST. A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
NORTHUMBERLAND	6 25	1.50	10 00	5 50
Cameron	6 38	.....	.....	6 03
Chulasky	6 43	.....	.....	6 07
Danville	6 50	2 12	10 21	6 13
Catawissa	7 03	2 26	10 32	6 28
Rupert	7 09	2 31	10 36	6 33
Bloomsburg	7 15	2 36	10 41	6 39
Espy	7 23	2 42	10 46	6 45
Lime Ridge	7 30	2 48	.....	6 52
Willow Grove	7 34	2 52	.....	6 56
Briarcreek	7 38	.....	.....	7 00
Berwick	7 54	3 01	11 04	7 06
Beach Haven	7 58	3 07	....	7 12
Hick's Ferry	8 01	3 13	...	7 16
Shickshinny	8 14	3 24	11 30	7 37
Hunlock's	8 17	3 34	...	7 48
Nanticoke	8 35	3 42	11 45	7 56
Avondale	8 40	3 46	....	8 01
Plymouth	8 45	3 51	11 52	8 06
Plymouth Junction	8 50	3 55	.....	8 11
Kingston	8 57	4 02	12 10	8 18
Bennett	9 01	4 06	.....	8 21
Forty Fort	9 03	4 10	.....	8 24
Wyoming	9 08	4 16	12 08	8 28
West Pittston	9 12	4 21	.....	8 32
Susquehanna Ave	9 16	4 24	12 14	8 36
Pittston	9 19	4 29	12 17	8 40
Duryea	9 23	4 34	.....	8 44
Lackawanna	9 26	4 37	.....	8 48
Taylor	33	4 45	....	8 57
Bellevue	9 38	4 50	....	9 07
SCRANTON	9 42	4 55	12 35	9 09
	A.M	P.M.	P.M.	P.M

STATIONS.	WEST. A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
SCRANTON	6 00	10 05	1 55	5 40
Bellevue	6 05	.....	.....	.....
Taylor	6 10	10 15	2 03	5 50
Lackawanna	6 18	10 23	2 10	5 58
Duryea	6 22	10 26	2 13	6 02
Pittston	6 28	10 41	2 17	6 15
Susquehanna Ave	6 32	10 35	2 20	6 19
West Pittston	6 26	10 39	2 24	6 14
Wyoming	6 41	10 44	2 29	6 19
Forty Fort	6 46	.....	...	.....
Bennett	6 50	10 52	2 36	6 30
Kingston	6 56	10 56	2 42	6 36
Plymouth Junction	7 00	....	2 47	.....
Plymouth	7 04	11 05	2 52	6 43
Avondale	7 09	.	2 57	6 47
Nanticoke	7 14	11 13	3 02	6 50
Hunlock's	7 20	11 19	3 10	6 58
Shickshinny	7 31	11 30	3 24	7 10
Hick's Ferry	7 44	11 43	3 35	7 25
Beach Haven	7 53	11 48	3 42	7 32
Berwick	8 00	11 54	3 49	7 38
Briarcreek	8 06	...	3 55	....
Willow Grove	8 10	12 04	3 59	7 49
Lime Ridge	8 14	12 09	4 04	7 53
Espy	8 21	12 15	4 11	8 00
Bloomsburg	8 28	12 22	4 17	8 07
Rupert	8 34	12 27	4 23	8 13
Catawissa	8 40	12 32	4 29	8 18
Danville	8 55	12 47	4 42	8 34
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am	a.m.	p.m	p.m.		am	pm	pm	am
7.10	11.15	6.30	2.15	Bloomsb'g.	8.34	2.40	6.45	6.10
7.08	11.40	6.26	2.10	" P. & R.	8.36	2.42	6.47	
7.03	11.37	6.24	2.08	" Main st..	8.39	2.45	6.50	
6.53	11.27	6.12	1 50	Paper Mill.	8 48	2.54	7.01	6.37
6.50	11.23	6.09	1.45	..Light st.	8.53	2.59	7.05	6.50
6.40	11.13	5.59	1.30	Orangeville.	9.02	3.10	7.14	7.10
6.29	11.0	5.48	1.00	..Forks ...	9.10	3.20	7.24	7.35
6.25	11.00	5.44	12.53	...Zaner's..	9.14	3.24	7.28	7.45
6.18	10.55	5.37	12.45	.stillwater.	9.20	3.30	7.33	8.00
6 08	10.45	5.27	12.3	...Benton...	9.30	3.40	7.48	8.30
6.04	10 40	5 22	12.10	...Edson's...	9.34	3.44	7.47	8.40
6.02	10.38	5.20	12.08	.Cole's Cr'k.	9.37	3.47	7.51	8.46
5.53	10.32	5.13	11.53	..Laubach..	9.47	3.57	8.01	9.00
5.43	10.23	5.03	11.45	...Central...	9.57	4.07	8.11	9.25
5 40	10.20	5.00	11.30	Jam. City..	10.00	4.10	8.15	9.35
am	a m	p m	p m		a m	p m	p m	am
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1898.

Dr. Silas C. Swallow, late Prohibition candidate for Governor, and editor of the Harrisburg *Commonwealth*, has secured a new trial in the libel suit brought in the Dauphin county criminal courts by John C. Delaney, and others.

Five bills of indictment have been presented by the grand jury, which found true bills against United States Senator M. S. Quay, his son Richard R. Quay, and Ex-State Treasurer, Benjamin J. Haywood, for "conspiracies and executed conspiracies" and against Ex-Treasurer Haywood for loaning public money and entering into an agreement to loan public moneys in his capacity as State Treasurer. The defendants will appear before Judge Gordon to-day to be arraigned and plead to the indictments.

Wanamaker says he will continue to wage his war against Quay, and has issued a vigorous statement in reference to the announcement made by Senator Quay of his candidacy for re-election to the United States Senate. He says the recent election is a most significant rebuke and defeat of Senator Quay and all he represents. His candidate for Governor received a minority of votes cast for that office, and is only elected because the opposition was not solidified upon a single candidate. Colonel Stone is not the choice of the majority of the voters of Pennsylvania. Significant above all is the result of the election of members of the General Assembly. The next Legislature will be composed of 254 members; of these at least 155 are expressly commissioned by the people and pledged to vote against Senator Quay, and not more than 99 can in any contingency justfy a vote for his re-election. Wanamaker meets Quay on his offer of $10,000 for the conviction of any bribery in Senatorial fight and goes him one better, by offering $20,000 for the same object.—*Ex.*

INTRICACIES OF THE BALLOT.

An Effort to be Made to Have it Conform More to the Australian System.

The intricacies of the present ballot system have made it most unpopular, even with the politicians. The Pennsylvania Ballot Reform Association, which has been loud in its protests against it, is now preparing a number of suggestions to be presented at the next Legislature. These suggestions involve the abolition of the party column, which will, it is believed, afford greater secrecy, as the man who "cuts" his ballot will not be so easily detected. Another suggestion is the provision that the voter shall be absolutely alone when he marks his ballot.

The purport of the suggestions will be to secure a system akin to the Australian system, under which the candidates' names are printed in groups under the caption of the office for which they contest. The association realizes that the people of Pennsylvania demand an absolutely fair, safe and secret ballot, but what effect the suggestions to the Legislature will have is a matter of conjecture. Governor-elect Stone favors a simplified ballot, and it is said will reccomend a change from the present system in his first message to the Assembly.

Harvesting the "Fruits".

The Sugar Trust has the honor and the glory of harvesting the "first fruits of empire,"

It has bought the entire sugar crop —250,000 tons—of our new Hawaiian possessions. It will use this purchase in destroying the independent refiners. As the Sugar Trust was the most potent advocate of Hawaiian annexation, it is fitting that it should reap the rewards of its patriotism.

Sugar and leprosy are the only consederable Hawaiian products. Now that the sugar has been appropriated there remains only the leprosy.

Who will harvest that?—*N. Y. World.*

The big fight between the one time champion, James J. Corbett, and Tom Sharkey, the sailor boy, is over, and Sharkey is the victor, by reason of a foul which Corbett made in the ninth round. It was witnessed by one of the largest crowds that ever congregated to witness a fight. During the nine rounds that were fought, Sharkey proved his superiority over his opponent, and had the best of the bout from beginning to end.

TO BUILD MORE CARS.

"Pennsy" Will Order at Least 1,000.

Pennsylvania officials think they see a car famine approaching and are making preparations for it. Already this year the company's rolling stock has been increased by about 5,000 cars, most of which are of the box variety. Now the company is contemplating the construction of 2,000 more cars.

Of the building of 1,000 cars there is no question and the contract will probably be let at once. President Thomson has issued the order.

From all parts of the "Pennsy's" great system and from many western roads there comes a daily cry for cars, which at present it is almost impossible to respond to. Throughout Pennsylvania and the states west the shortage probably runs as high as ten per cent. on the supply needed to keep up with the demands of shippers. Within the next two weeks the corn and wheat crops will be rushing things and this shortage will be greatly increased. There will be few quarrels as to rates then, as shippers will think only of getting their goods to destinations and will give their business to the road able to take care of it promptly.

A well known railroad man is of the opinion that before Christmas there will be a record breaking car famine all over the country, which will effect the Pennsylvania as much, if not more, than some of the other roads. It is doubtful if the new cars can be furnished in time to help the company out on the predicted rush.

The new cars are of different varieties, ranging in size from 60,000 pounds to 100,000 pound capacity. The mean is 90,000 pounds.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

Our former State President, Mrs. Anna M. Hammer, speaks before the Teachers' Institute on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 1st and 2d, on "Scientific Instruction." The Institute is to be held at the Normal Auditorium.

Mr. Hall, of Buffalo, N. Y., will spend one week in Bloomsburg, beginning Dec. 5th and continuing until the 12th.

The Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union had a very successful supper last Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. George Hughes. Part of the proceeds go to paying one month's room rent and a dozen of new chairs, as there are not seats enough to accommodate our enthusiastic young people. They have 43 members now.

L. T. L. meets every Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. W. C. T. U. every Tuesday afternoon. Next Tuesday we will have a finely conducted Mother's Meeting by Mrs. B. C. Conner, one of our pastor's wives. Ladies, if you have never heard Mrs. Conner come next Tuesday. All mothers will be delighted and receive valuable aid.

Gospel temperance meeting every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public are invited.

Regular meeting of the Y's Monday evening. It is a social meeting. A fine program was given at the last meeting by the county superintendent of flower mission work, Miss May Sharpless.

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ORGAN RECITAL.

An organ recital was given in St. Paul's church on Tuesday evening, by Rev. William H. Butts of Williamsport Mr. Butts was formerly in charge of the music department at the Normal School. Since he resigned that position to enter the ministry he has had several years experience on the organ, in New York city, and is an accomplished performer. The following program was rendered in a manner that greatly pleased his listeners:

PART I.

1. Calkin.
   Harvest Festival March.
2. Gounod.
   The Redemption.
   a. March to Calvary.
   b. From Thy Love as a Father.
   c. Unfold Ye Portals Everlasting.
3. Wagner.
   Meistersinger. Walter's Prize Song.
   Tannhauser.
   a. The Evening Star.
   b. The Pilgrim's Chorus.

PART II.

1. A. Thomas.
   Gavotte Mignon.
2. Gaul.
   The Holy City.
   a. Introduction to Part I.
   b. No Shadows Yonder.
   c. Great and Marvellous.
3. Mendelssohn.
   Elijah. He is watching over Israel.
   Midsummer Night's Dream.
   Wedding March.
4. Handel.
   The Messiah. Hallelujah Chorus.

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STONE WINS BY 120,404.

Had 478,534 Votes to Jenks' 358,130 and Swallow's 133,854.

The official figures of the vote on the State ticket have been received from forty-four of the sixty-seven counties, including Philadelphia, Allegheny and all the other larger counties.

Adding the unofficial footings of the official returns of the other twenty-three counties Stone has an apparent plurality in the State of 120,404 over Jenks in a total vote of 970,518 for the three leading candidates. This total is divided as follows: Stone, 478,534; Jenks, 358,130; Swallow, 133,854.

The pluralities for the other Republican State candidates will exceed that of Stone. For Judges of Superior Court, although Trickett (Dem.), runs considerably ahead of his ticket the two Republican candidates, William W. Porter and William D. Porter, are elected by very large majorities. William D. Porter runs benind his namesake, but in Philadelphia and Allegheny Counties alone he has 111,383 more votes than Trickett.

The Thanksgiving we celebrate at the close of every harvest season, it is said, owes something to the religious rites of ancient nations. The oldest of these is the Jewish feast of tabernacles. This festival occurred annually at the end of the harvest. The glory of the great Hebrew festival has long since passed away, but the fundamental principle—that every one should equally rejoice in the fruits of the current harvest, together with the whole people of the land "before the Lord"—has entered into the harvest observances of Christian lands. Greece, in the months of August and September of each year, after the harvest had been gathered, celebrated the great feast known as Eleusinia, or the feast to Demeter of the beautiful robe. Demeter, the great earth-mother, was the goddess of cornfields and harvests. The Romans celebrated a harvest festival called the Cerealia. Coming nearer to our own harvest festival is the English harvest-home. This was celebrated usually in September when the moon was full and was usually a day of boisterous merit. The Pilgrim fathers remembered this festival and expressed their thankfulness for their first harvest by a feast. "Our Thanksgiving of to-day has taken some part from each of these different festivals. It has taken the time of the Indian meeting; its charity is gained from the Jewish feast of tabernacles; it has copied the festivals of Demeter and Ceres, in giving thanks for the crops; its mirth and festivity has a flavor of the English harvest-home festival; and its spirit of thankfulness and religious adoration was given to it by our Pilgrim fore-fathers. Old Elder Brewster was certainly inspired when he made his now famous prophecy on that November day, 1621, and how we l it has been fulfilled: "Blessed will it be for us, blessed for this land, for this vast continent! nay, from generation to generation to generation will the blessing descend. Generations to come shall look back to this hour and these scenes of agonizing trial, this day of small things, and say: "Here was our beginning as a people. These were our fathers. Through their trials we inherit our blessings. Their faith is our faith; their hope our hope; their God our God."

Chestnuts for Winter Use.

A good plan for storing chestnuts for winter use is to place a small quantity of salt in the bags with the nuts. They will then become soft and sweet, and any worms which happen to be among them will be driven out. The bags will become covered with sweat caused by the salt, but this will not impair the quality of the nuts in the slightest degree. This plan is followed by many persons and is considered one of the best.

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Are needed for success
Everywhere. Nerves
Depend simply, solely,
Upon the blood.
Pure, rich, nourishing
Blood feeds the nerves
And makes them strong.
The great nerve tonic is
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The blood rich and
Pure, giving it power
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JAPANESE TEA.

The Parish House was never so beautifully decorated as on Thursday evening last, when an entertainment was given by the Woman's Auxiliary. One could almost imagine himself in the Orient as he stood among the Japanese umbrellas, fans, lanterns and pictures, and drank delicious tea, charmingly served by young ladies arrayed in elegant costumes of Japanese pattern. Besides the dainty refreshments, the audience was entertained with two vocal solos sung by Mrs. Hawley, a recitation by Miss Minnie Ent, a vocal solo by Miss Edith Maize and an instrumental piece by Miss Maude Runyon. The whole affair was well conceived, and carried out delightfully. The only criticism that can be made is that the attendance was not nearly as large as it ought to have been.

OPERA HOUSE.

At the Opera House, next Monday evening, Manager Coffman presents the ever popular comedian, song writer and composer, Mr. D. Marion, accompanied by his own company.

The company engaged by Mr. Marion this season is one of the strongest and best all around vaudeville and burlesque organizations in existence, he having exercised great care and judgment in selecting each individual act, and the result has been very gratifying both from an artistic and from a financial point of view.

Mr. Dave Marion has contributed many clever parodies and songs, but this year he promised to out do himself, and realizing that this is an age of "coon" melodies, has written several funny parodies, on some of the most popular hits of the day. The other members are all artists in their line.

The performance concludes with the roaring and laughable burlesque, which was especially written for this company by Dave Marion, entitled, "In town."

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.

Al. W. Martin's big scenic production "Uncle Tom's Cabin" with the famous minstrel star, Milt. G. Barlow, as "Uncle Tom," will be seen at the Opera House, Dec. 1.

The company travel in their own special train of cars; carry $10,000 worth of scenery, besides horses, burros, donkeys, ten Shetland ponies, twelve man-eating bloodhounds, and in order to present a perfect rendering, a company of artists of the highest reputation has been selected, with the greatest care for their particular fitness for the personification of the various characters of the drama, making this by far the best company ever organized, or now traveling, and the only first-class "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company that will visit here this season. Opera House, Dec. 1.

Printer's Machinery for Sale.

Any printer in need of any of the following, will do well to correspond with us. We have for sale, in good condition, a Carleton, Caps & Co., Stereotype outfit complete; a Hercules Stapling Machine, a small Washington hand press. Address.

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Dress Goods.

Our Dress Goods stock is too large. It must be lowered by the first of January. There is only one way to do this, and that is to lower the prices.

56c Dress Goods, neat, pretty mixed, 45c.

35c Dress Goods, plain and mixed, 28c.

85c. Dress Goods, plain and mixed, 58c.

Coats and Capes.

A crisp air has re-doubled the demand for Coats and Capes. The snappy styles, the unusual gathering of all that's new and good, coupled with the little price, has trebled the interest here.

$5.00 Cape we offer this week at $3.98.

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We carry Bay State Shoes in children and miss, and we can safely say that there is no make of Shoes that will give you as much wear. Special offer this week:

Miss Shoes, 11 to 2, worth $1.50, at $1.25.

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Fine Golden Oak Table, highly polished, nice size for in your parlor, $2.65.

Oak Extension Tables, $3.50, 5.00, 6.50 to 10.00.

Mattress and Springs at lower prices than you can get them anywhere and the best makes we can buy.

Glove Sale.

A bargain—a real selling under value. That's the story concerning Gloves to-day. The maker is the man who loses, but his loss helps him to quick adjustment of his business. Here's the Gloves:

$1.00 quality of Kid Gloves, at 75c.

50c. quality of Cashmere Gloves, 25c.

25c. quality of Cashmere Gloves, 15c.

F. P. Pursel.

SPECIAL SALE!

Now is the time to get bargains. During the next 30 days we will give you many goods at and below cost. Wool Dress Goods that was 25c, now 15c. Dress Goods, from 50c. to 30. Do not miss these special sales. We have just received new supply of pretty Coats, Capes and Fur Collarettes for ladies. Fur sets for children.

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SALES.

The John G. Freeze farm, situate in the town of Bloomsburg, will be sold at the Court House, on Monday, December 5th, at 2 o'clock p. m., the sale having been adjourned to that date.

Mrs. Clara Mellick will sell a large lot of new furniture, carpets and household goods at the Caleb Barton property on Main street, on Saturday, Nov. 26, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

PURELY PERSONAL

Mrs. Anna Willow of Northumberland, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. D. J. Waller, of Indiana, Pa., is the guest of relatives in town.

Frank Aurand, of Plymouth, was noticed on our streets on Thursday.

Mrs. D. S. Hartline of the Normal, spent Sunday with Danville friends.

E. F. Caldwell returned home last week from an extended visit to Cincinnati.

R. B. Grimes, of Millville, drove down to Bloomsburg on Tuesday, on business.

Harry King, of Three Rivers, Michigan, spent Friday and Saturday with old friends in town.

Miss Minnie Barch, of Salt Lake City, spent last week with Mrs. Charles Hassert, on East street.

Miss Annie Woods has returned home after an extended visit with relatives and friends in Blair county.

H. H. Brown, secretary of the Briarcreek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., was attending to business in town on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Zarr and son Frank, spent Sunday in Williamsport with Mrs. Zarr's brother, Elmer E. Person and family.

William E. Prior, Superintendent of the Central Penn'a. Telephone and Supply Co., who has his office at Williamsport, was in town on Monday.

Miss Virgie Sutliff and Miss Jessie Willow two popular young ladies of Northumberland, spent Sunday as the guests of Mrs. I. A. Snyder at the Exchange Hotel.

Mrs. B Stohner left on Monday for Washington, D. C., to try and make arrangements for the removal of the body of her son Charles, who was buried in Porto Rico.

Legal advertisements on page 7.

The Bittenbender house on Light-Street road, which was recently destroyed by fire, is being rebuilt by John L. Richardson.

John W. Keely, widely known as the inventor of the Keely motor, died in Philadelphia last Friday. Many thousands of dollars were spent on his invention, but he never succeeded in making it work.

I have secured the sale of the finest line of Confectionery in the world.

ALLEGRETTE'S

CHOCOLATE CREAMS

Are unsurpassed in richness and flavor. Always fresh, at

60 CTS. PER POUND.

In quarters, halfs and pounds.

W. S. RISHTON, Ph. G.,

Opposite P. O Pharmacist

Telephone No, 1074

H. V. White & Co. shipped a cargo of buckwheat flour to Amsterdam, Holland, this week.

If you have catarrh, don't dally with local remedies, but purify and enrich your blood with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

We call the attention of our readers to the special sale now going on at the Bloomsburg Store Company. See advertisement in another column.

The telephone and electric light poles on the principal streets in town are being treated to a coat of green paint.

The body of John J. Lawall was removed on Tuesday from Rosemont Cemetery and taken to Allentown, where interment will be made in the family plot.

Our merchants are all very busy just now preparing their holiday stock. Christmas is only one month distant and gift purchasers will soon be making their selections.

The Philologian Society of the Normal School, has a treat in store for all who attend the reunion in Normal Auditorium to-night. Prof. S. T. Ford, reader and humorist, will be the entertainer.

Mrs. Clara Mellick will sell on the premises on Main street near Iron, in Bloomsburg, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, a lot of valuable household goods, consisting of furniture, carpets, and lot of other articles.

Mr. Claude Paden and Miss Gertrude Williams, two popular young people of Berwick, will be united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother to-day. Both are well and favorably known in this town.

In a letter to his relatives on Monday, E. B. Clark states that he is at present located at Dawson City. The great gold finds recently reported at that or near that place appear to be a fake, as he has heard nothing of them.

Clark & Son's store building presents a fine appearance in its new paint. The bricks are painted red and pencilled white. The interior of the store has also been improved, the large coat and cloak department having been repapered.

Miss Claire Gross entertained a number of her young friends at her home on Normal Hill Friday evening. The evening was pleasantly passed in card playing and various other games. The nicest of refreshments were served.

At a meeting held Monday evening, a permanent organization, to be called the Bloomsburg Fire Department, was effected. A. M. Wintersteen was elected president and W. C. Currin secretary. New officers will be elected annually.

The pulpit of the Methodist church was filled Sunday morning and evening by Rev. O. G. Keck, of Danville. Both sermons were well received. He also addressed the meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association in the afternoon.

The foot ball game at Athletic Field this p. m. will no doubt be close and exciting. The visitors are considered a very formidable aggregation and victory will have to be warmly contested for. We pick the Normal boys as the winners, but the score will not be large.

Centralia was the scene of a big free-for-all fight Saturday. The melee took place right in the middle of the street. A man by the name of Hogan was shot through the cheek, and several others were pretty well done up. Officers were powerless and the contestants continued the fight until exhausted. A bitter feeling exists among many of the residents, and further trouble is feared.

Hannah J. McBride, daughter of Jacob Welliver, and widow of the late William McBride, died at her home on Third street, Saturday afternoon. She had been in failing health for a long time and her death, while quite sudden, was not altogether unexpected. A sister, Mrs. George R. Hess, resides at Benton. The deceased was aged 61 years, 4 months and 3 days. The funeral took place Wednesday, 1:30 o'clock, services were conducted at the house by Rev. M. E. McLinn of the Lutheran church. Interment in Rosemont cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Wolf and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Eshelman desire to make a public acknowledgement of the kindness shown to them at the time of their recent grievous loss by fire, and to return their heartfelt thanks to all who so kindly remembered them and made them to feel that sympathy and kindness are not lost qualities in the hearts of the people. May the precious blessings of Heaven be the return that we are now unable to make for this timely help and comfort in sore trial.

W. H. Crossley on Monday moved into the Niles property on the corner of Fifth and East streets. He has been living on East Seventh street.

Dieffenbach Brothers are building an addition to their ice house 25 by 52 feet. They expect to lay in a big supply of congealed oxide of hydrogen the coming winter.

The Hazleton *Sentinel* is authority for the statement that gold and silver in paying quantities have been discovered near Nescopeck. Several very satisfactory assays have been made.

Fire on Thursday night of last week partly destroyed Mrs. Elijah Albertson's house at Benton. The flames were extinguished but not until the roof had been burned off. The insurance is sufficient to cover all the loss.

The former Spanish cruiser, Maria Teresa, which was reported to have sunk, but later was discovered floating about near Cat Island, has been finally abandoned. The latest reports say she is going to pieces rapidly and her contents are floating about through her broken sides.

Interest in the progressive euchre contest for a prize of a silver cup, to be awarded to the winner, by the Bloomsburg Wheelmen is steadily growing as the time approaches for its conclusion. The sixth series of the contest took place Tuesday evening. George A. Clark, we are informed, is the leader at present, with C. C. Yetter and Joseph Townsend following close behind. The cup is valued at about twenty dollars and will be given to the person making the most points provided he takes part in sixty per cent. of all the games played.

DEATH OF AN ESTIMABLE LADY.

Mrs. Anna M., wife of D. M. Sheep, died at her home on East street Friday night about eleven o'clock. Mrs. Sheep has been ill for a long time with a complication of diseases.

Mrs. Sheep, formerly Miss Denniston, was born at Tamaqua in 1840 and after her marriage moved to Jerseytown, where her husband was engaged in business. About ten years ago they came to Bloomsburg and have resided here ever since. The deceased was since her early life a member of the Presbyterian Church and when her health would permit was a regular attendant at all of the church services. She was a friend of everybody, a good wife, and her death is deeply regretted. She is survived by a husband and two daughters, both of the latter being engaged teaching school, one in town and the other in Espy. The funeral took place from her late residence Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. Hemmingway. Interment in Rosemont Cemetery.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

Watson John was killed at the Millville depot on Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock. He had been loading flour for his father, J. L. John, and when that was completed he endeavored to get on a moving train but his foot slipped and before he could recover himself he was caught between the platform and the car and rolled along between the two for nearly forty feet, to the end of the platform, where he fell to the ground. His arm was broken and he was injured internally. After suffering intensely for an hour he expired. The deceased was twenty-one years old.

Tested and Tried

For 25 Years

Would you feel perfectly safe to put all your money in a new bank? One you have just heard of?

But how about an old bank? One that has done business for over a quarter of a century? One that has always kept its promises? One that never failed; never misled you in any way?

You could trust such a bank, couldn't you?

SCOTT'S EMULSION

of COD-LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES is just like such a bank. It has never disappointed you, never will. It has never deceived you, never will.

Look out that someone does not try to make you invest your health in a new tonic, some new medicine you know nothing of.

50c. and $1.00; all druggists.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

WOMEN SHOULD KNOW IT.

Many women suffer from untold agony and misery because the nature of their disease is not correctly understood. They have been led to believe that womb trouble or female weakness of some sort is responsible for the many ills that beset woman-kind.

Neuralgia, nervousness, headache, puffy or dark circles under the eyes, rheumatism a dragging pain or dull ache in the back, weakness or bearing-down sensation, profuse or scanty supply of urine with strong odor, frequent desire to pass it with scalding or burning sensation, sediment in it after standing in a bottle or common glass for twenty four hours, are signs of kidney and bladder trouble.

The above symptoms are often attributed by the patient herself or by her physician to female weakness or womb trouble. Hence, so many fail to obtain relief, because they are treating, not the disease itself, but a reflection of the primary cause, which is kidney trouble.

In fact, women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble and both need the same remedy.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root is the great discovery of the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, and it is easy to get at any drug store for fifty cents or one dollar.

To prove its wonderful merits you may have a sample bottle and book telling all about it, both sent absolutely free by mail. Kindly mention THE COLUMBIAN and send your address to DR. KILMER & CO. BINGHAMTON, N. Y.

LICENSE BLANKS.

Hotel, Restaurant, Wholesale, Distillers, and Bottlers License blanks for sale at the COLUMBIAN office. 10 cents each or 3 for 25 cents. tf

Surprise Producing Pictures.

There is one sort of a surprise you can stand in pictures, and that is when they are surprisingly good. People have come to expect the very best from us, and its pretty hard to surprise them that way. Yet we continue to work surprises in the new and better effects, the desirable finish, and the promptness with which we handle their work. Just at present we are introducing the new Bas Relief pictures, the latest novelty in high class photography. See them in our show case.

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PHILLIPS ✻ STUDIO,

MAIN STREET.

☞ UP TOWN. 11-24

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

I have just received a large stock for the holiday trade, consisting of all kinds of nuts, Italian and native chestnuts, fine oranges, lemons and Almeria grapes. Virginia and picked fresh roasted peanuts, large bag for 5 cents. Pure granulated sugar candy fresh made right here any day from to-day. I will give free to any purchaser of 25 cents worth of goods a package of 5c. juice fruit pepsin chewing gum. Come and try my goods and you will be satisfied. N. MALFAIRERA, 25 E. Main St.

NOTICE!

Hunting and Trespassing Positively forbidden on the land of J. W. Evans, Greenwood, Pa. 2t*

A large and beautiful line of lamps at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Parlor lamps, banquet lamps, hall lamps, in fact, all kinds of the celebrated Miller lamps at Jas. H. Mercer's.

Mercer has the largest line of Hymn Books ever shown in Bloomsburg.

Mercer's line of Bibles and Hymn Books is complete. Call in and inspect his stock. Opposite Episcopal church.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y., Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago. 10-2 - 6t.

HOOD'S PILLS cure Liver Ills, Biliousness, Indigestion, Headache. Easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

WINTER READINESS.

THANKSGIVING DAY is recognized as the commencement of genuine Winter weather, which is also due by the calendar. An impetus to buying the warmest outer and undergarments is thus given. We are ready for all demands, from the richest fur garments so the equally comfortable underwear, with all their intermediate accessories. Ready not only in completeness of variety, but ready also to supply your every need at LOWEST POSSIBLE COST.

IN COATS.

Jersey Cloth Coat at $10.00. Made of Wool Kersey Cloth, strapped seams, Dart sleeves, all heavy satin lined.

Kersey Cloth Cape at $10.00. Made of fine Kersey Cloth, large sweep, silk serge lined, inverted pleat back.

Tan Kersey Coat at $8 90. Made of fine Tan Kersey, strapped seams, notched skirt, all satin lined.

IN FURS.

Fur Collarette at $14.00. Electric Seal, long tab ends, trimmed with heads and tails.

Fur Collarette at $5.00. Fine P. L. Astrachan yoke. Electric Seal edging, satin lined.

Children's Fur Sets at 98c.

IN LINENS.

72-in. Bleached Damask, $1.00 yd. (Napkins to match).

68-in. Half Bleached Damask, 50c. yd.

72 in. Double Damask, bleached, $1.48 a yard. (Napkins to match).

70-in. Bleached Damask, 72c. yd.

A full line of Stamped Linens.

Handkerchief Linen by the yd.

Napkins and Towels, all grades.

IN CURTAINS AND COVERS.

A new line of Tapestry, Ottoman and Derby Curtains at $2.90, $5.00, $5.50, $7.00 and $8.00 per pair.

Couch Covers at $4.00.

Table Covers, at 85c. to $4.50.

Lace Curtains, special at $1.85 pr.

50 inch Tapestry, $1.00 yd.

Tamboured Muslins, 15c. yd.

IN DRESS GOODS.

50 inch all wool broadcloths, 85c yd.

52 inch all wool Venetians, $1 yd.

52 inch all wool Cheviots, 75c. yd.

50 inch all wool Granite Suitings, 75c. yard.

50 inch new Grey Plaids, 65c. yd.

36 inch Novelty Suitings, 50c. yd.

A lot of Assorted Novelty Suitings, 59c. yard.

42 inch Black All Wool Crepon, $1.00 yard.

40 inch Black All Wool Crepon, $1.25 yard.

46 inch Black Pacquin Serge, new, $1.00 yard.

IN BLANKETS.

12-4 California White Blankets, $10.00 pair.

11-4 Fine White Blankets, $8.50 pair.

11-4 Grey Wool Blankets, $4.50 pair.

Fine White Wool Blankets, $5 pr.

Cotton Blankets, at 33c, 39c, 50c, 55c. pair.

Fine Comfortables at $2 apiece.

IN UNDERWEAR.

Ladies' Ribbed Vests and Pants, 25c.

Ladies' Combination Suits, 50c.

Ladies' Combination Suits, $1.25.

Children's Vests and Pants, 25c.

Ladies' Fancy Lined Skirts at 48c.

IN JEWELERY.

A new line of all the leading Novelties for the Christmas trade.

IN GLOVES AND MITTENS.

We call special mention to these lines.

2 clasp Children's Kid Gloves, 90c. pair.

2 clasp Ladies' Special, 85c. pr.

2 clasp Real Kid, $1.15 pair.

5 Hook and 4 button Kid Gloves, $1.00 pair.

Silk Mittens, 48c. pair.

Wool Mittens, 25c. pair.

Children's Mittens, 10c pair up.

Cashmere Gloves, 25c. pair.

H. J. CLARK & SON

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

MARKET SQUARE DRY GOODS HOUSE.

Never had as many empty boxes and barrels as now. All were filled with Christmas Goods.

Never had a nicer assortment of well fitting Coats and Capes as now.

A special line of Fur Capes just opened. All prices, up to $35.00.

Misses' and Children's warm Jackets, 98c. to $8.00.

A good line of Blankets, from 45c. to $6.50.

There is something neat and rich in our Dress Goods for you, with the latest in trimmings.

The cold weather is on the road from the West, and you are without a good warm Coat or Cape. See ours whilst the assortment is good.

Ladies' Dress Skirts at our prices are selling.

Thanksgiving Day only comes once a year, and so does Christmas. We never kept open store on either day. After giving thanks, then look for presents.

I. W. HARTMAN & SON.

ANOTHER EXPLOSION IN BLOOMSBURG.

$1,000 REWARD

For the person telling us when Good Carpets were sold cheaper.

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Saturday, October 1st, a carboy of dye stuff broke in a railroad car, containing over 10,000 yards of Carpet. Some pieces were soaked at the ends. Some were dirtied and mussed while being thrown from the car, and others merely had their wrappers splashed. Goods could not be shipped to western dealers. We stepped in, made an offer of 70c. on the dollar, and got the goods. We are going to sell them quick, and if you know a good thing, you'll take them quick. In some cases you cannot tell the damage. But it's enough to save you dollars.

Commencing Nov. 5th, we will have the goods for sale in our Carpet Department. Bring the measure of your room with you. Note these prices:

Best Brussels, sold everywhere for 90c., now 65c.
Good Brussels, sold everywhere for 75c., now 55c.
Best all-wool Ingrain, price everywhere, 75c., now 55c.
Best wool filling Ingrain, price everywhere, 65c., now 45c.
Heavy part cotton filling, price everywhere, 50c., now 35c.
Heavy Ingrains, price everywhere, 30c., now 22c.
Good Ingrain, for chambers, price everywhere, 25c., now 15c.

Lots of Cheap Lining to go with These.

All-wool Art Squares, 9 yards, everywhere $7 50, our price, $5 50.

Wool filling Art Squares, 9 yards, everywhere $6 75, our price, $4 50.

Part wool filled Squares, 9 yards, everywhere $5 50, our price, $3 50.

Heavy, serviceable Art Squares, 9 yards, everywhere $4 50, our price, $2 75.

We have these goods also in 7½ and 12 yards, at corresponding prices.

One thousand all-wool pieces, 1¼ yards long, 23c. One thousand part cotton pieces, 1¼ yards long, 15c. Five hundred pieces Brussels Carpet, from 1 to 3 yards long, 40c. the yard. Smyrna and other Rugs, 20 per cent. off regular price. Terms, spot cash. We will take corn, oats, flour, buckwheat, eggs, hams, bacon and other produce, in exchange, at market prices.

The Leader Department Store,

FOURTH AND MARKET STS. BLOOMSBURG, PA

HOW GENERAL HOWARD YIELDED.

His Unselfishness Toward Another Officer and What Came of It.

Speaking on the law of self-sacrifice work in America, Dr. Henry Mable of Boston relates an incident of the civil war. In Sherman's campaign it became necessary in the opinion of the leader to change commanders. O. O. Howard was promoted to lead a division which had been under the command of another general. Howard went through the campaign at the head of the division, and on to Washington to take part in the review. The night before the veterans were to march down Pennsylvania avenue, General Sherman sent for General Howard and said to him:

"Howard, the politicians and the friends of the man whom you succeeded are bound that he shall ride at the head of his old corps, and I want you to help me out."

"But it is my command," said Howard, "and I am entitled to ride at its head."

"Of course you are," said Sherman. "You led them through Georgia and the Carolinas, but, Howard, you are a Christian."

"What do you mean?" replied Howard. "If you put it on that ground it changes the whole business. What do you mean, General Sherman?"

"I mean that you can stand the disappointment. You are a Christian."

"Putting it on that ground, there is but one answer. Let him ride at the head of the corps."

"Yes; let him have the honor," added Sherman, "but, Howard, you will report to me at 9 o'clock, and ride by my side at the head of the whole army." In vain Howard protested, but Sherman said gently but authoritatively: "You are under my orders."

When the bugle sounded the next morning Howard was found trembling like a leaf, and it required another order from General Sherman before he was willing to take the place assigned to him. He had, as a Christian, yielded the place to another which rightly belonged to him, and in the grand review found himself not at the head of the corps, but at the head of the army. Even worldly men know where Christians should be who laid down their lives in self-sacrifice for others.

BATCH OF PLUCKY TELEGRAPHERS.

Bravery of Staff of the Cable Company at Bombardment of Cavite.

During the whole of the action of May 1, when Cavite was bombarded by the American squadron, the staff of the cable company, from the superintendent downward, were at their posts, although their office was situated only 200 yards from a Spanish battery, which several times opened on the American ships. Fortunately, however, the latter did not reply. Having completed the destruction of the Spanish fleet and Cavite arsenal, the American Commodore lined his ships up in front of Manila, with their guns trained on every shore battery, with the evident intention of commencing a bombardment should a single shot be fired on his squadron from any of the batteries. The operators of the cable company were all this time in their office, transmitting the telegrams which were handed to them, as if nothing unusal was happening. On the evening of May 2 the Hong Kong cable became interrupted. Two of the servants of the company immediately proceded to the cable house on the beach, which was within a stone's throw of a battery, then threatened by the American guns, and, having set up a testing apparatus, found that the cable was broken about ten miles from shore. From that time to the end of the war the telegraphers stood by their office day and night, although the building was repeatedly struck and pierced by bullets from the insurgent forces, who had been maintaining a determined attack on the Spanish intrenchments in the neighborhood. Altthough they were given by the directors permission to retire to a place of safety, they never left their posts.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

FANNY KEMBLE'S DRIVER.

She Paid His Extraordinary Charge and Continued to Employ Him.

A story is told of Fannie Kemble, whose favorite summer resort was Lenox, that on her first season there she employed a self-respecting villager, who had a comfortable turnout, to drive her about. He, feeling it to be his duty to make the drive as entertaining as possible, began to call her attention to the beauty of the scenery—which she wished to enjoy undisturbed—and to tell her who lived in certain houses as they passed along, until finally Mrs. Kemble, being unable to stand it any longer, said, in the high-tragedy manner somewhat peculiar to her: "I have engaged you to drive for me, sir, not to talk."

The driver ceased talking, pursed up his lips, and in all their subsequent drives his only remarks were such as he found necessary to address to his horses. At the end of the season he handed in his bill for the summer services. Running her eye down its awkward columns, she paused at an item she didnt understand.

"What is this, sir? I cannot understand it?"

With equal gravity he replied: "Sass, $5. I don't often take it, but when I do I charge."

She paid the bill without comment, and continued to employ the same driver during many summers she spent there.—Chicago Tribune.

"This train makes a good many stops."

"Yes. It is a milk train. It is probably stopping for water."

A RAGE FOR VELVET.

All Sorts of Costumes Made From It. Velutina Also Worn.

(By special arrangement with the N. Y. Sun.)

Velvet is to be much used this winter. The present styles demand the employment of this rich fabric, and both plain and fancy velvets are far finer than ever before and more artistic in design and coloring.

For several seasons two-toned or changeable velvet has been fashionable for gowns, but it is no longer considered good style except in a few very light shades, such as apricot, where a blending of two colors is necessary to get the desired opalescent effect.

As to color, browns, blues, purples and greens promise to be the vogue.

The always popular greens shade from emerald to hunter's green, and from hunter's to myrtle. Gowns of plain velvet show trimmings of magnificent passementerie or lace; oftentimes, strange to say, coarse cotton lace embellishes the richest silk velvet.

Not every woman can afford a gown of silk velvet or even one of half silk, but such need not despair. Velveteens are to be made into smart frocks, and they are of such excellent quality that only experts can distinguish them from the real thing if they are well cut, well made and fitted. By the way, this material is known as velutina this season and is brought out in all the new shades.

By far the handsomest of all the velvet novelties is a material known as antique or satin soleil degrade. This comes in nine different shadings, such as petunia, mordore, sea green, cornflower or bluet, Capucine, gray and Russian blue, and the tints in each piece run from very dark to light. This fabric is used in millinery as well as for bodices and trimmings, and is quite expensive enough not to become common.

Most of the new skirts are being made so tight in the upper part that it will be almost impossible to wear petticoats. A skirt buttoned down the back in the prevailing mode certainly has one decided advantage—it obviates any possibility of the open placket hole. A skirt slightly raised on the left side has also made its appearance, and the outlook for its popularity is good.

FAMOUS TRINIDAD PITCH LAKE.

Its Immense Deposit of Bitumen Is Practically Inexhaustible.

The famous pitch lake or great bitumen deposit at Trinidad is situated at Point Librea, on an elevation at about a mile from the sea. It covers an area of nearly 100 acres, and its appearance is that of a dull, still, dark waste. It is irregularly circular, and its surface perceptibly convex, being more elevated in the centre and thence insensibly declining on all sides. In the centre the pitch is quite soft—in fact, semi-liquid—but it becomes more and more hardened as its circumference widens out. Except the soft central parts the surface is intersected in all directions by numerous fissures or chasms, varying in breadth from two feet to sixteen feet, and from half a foot to seven feet in depth, widening also at the bottom, thus producing, as it were, inverted angular hollows, while the sides are regularly rounded. These crevices are at all times filled with fresh water. Here and there, where the bitumen is mixed with earthy matter, grow lichens, mosses grasses, etc. The centre of the lake—the pitchpot or chaudiere, as it is called—is at all times so soft that it would be impossible to venture on it without incurring the danger of being engulfed.

The lake is government property, and parts of it are leased out to private individuals, who have to pay royalties according to the amount of pitch removed, which amount is checked by the government. The lake is practically inexhaustible. No matter what quantity is taken out it is replaced by fresh pitch, which always wells up to fill the hole. The surface of the outer edges of this most wonderful of lakes is quite hard enough to walk upon; but a curious result ensues if you stand still for any length of time on one spot. For some yards around you the pitch bodily sinks until it forms a sort of basin. It is quite different to sinking in sand, where your feet gradually disappear without making any apparent difference in the level of the ground.—Wide World Magazine.

HE LIVES WITH HIS SNAKES.

A Catskill Mountaineer Who Prefers Reptiles to Wife and Child.

Up in the Catskills lives one of those men who have an affinity for snakes. He prefers the companionship of any kind of reptile to that of the most genial man or fascinating woman. Wherever he goes he carries with him several of these pets, and on several occasions has sent women into hysterics and made men nervous and angry by taking from his pocket a shining blacksnake or a poisonous copperhead and fondling it tenderly.

In a moment of abstraction from his devotion to snakes he asked a woman to marry him, and for some incomprehensible reason she consented. It was not long, however, until she began to make objection to the numerous reptiles which the snake lover insisted on bringing into the house.

Trouble began and continued. The sympathy of the neighbors was with the wife. They advised her to leave a man who could be little better than a snake himself to subject her to such indignities.

She bore it until there was a baby in the family. Then the fond father took to wheeling the baby out in its perambulator and bringing it back surrounded by snakes. This was too much for the mother, and she left the snake collector for good and all.

No one wanted to rent him a house, so he bought a little place of his own and lives alone with his snakes. The villagers give the house a wide berth, and the summer visitors hasten the other way when they see him coming down the street with a snake coiled about his neck.—New York Press.

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"Did he leave his wife much?"

"Every night."

W T AND HUMOR.

Mrs. Billions—What most surprised you when you arrived in Paris?

Mrs. Nurich—Why, the fact that the little children of three or four years could talk French. It was perfectly amazing!—New York Journal.

Mr. Bunting—Young Grimsby is going to marry old Miss Brodakers.

Mrs. Bunting (astonished)—For the land's sake!

Mr. Bunting—Partly, and partly for the bank account.—Judge.

"That politician is a 'has been,' isn't he?" remarked the observer.

"No," replied the captious friend, "he isn't even that. He's merely a 'used-to-think-he-was.' " — Washington Star.

"It wasn't much of a job to lick the Spaniards," remarked Uncle Allen Sparks, "but it's going to take a long time to finish licking the revenue stamps we've got to deal with now."—Chicago Tribune.

"A PERFECT FOOD—as Wholesome as it is Delicious."

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BREAKFAST COCOA

"Has stood the test of more than 100 years' use among all classes, and for purity and honest worth is unequalled."
—Medical and Surgical Journal.

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Oil Report for October.

The oil report for October, as compiled by the Derrick, gives these figures for fields producing Pennsylvania oil: Wells completed, 553; dry holes, 120; new production, 7,762 barrels, being an increase of 58 wells over the September record, and a decrease of 1,171 barrels in new production. There are 832 rigs up and wells drilling, a net increase of 17. More work was under way at the close of October than for over a year past. With credit balances at $1.18 there is great activity in testing all available territory.

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DECEMBER JURORS.

GRAND JURORS—FIRST MONDAY, 10 A. M.

Benton Twp.—Albert Sanderson, Bruce Keeler, George W. Knouse, William Yocum.
Berwick—Charles Hunsinger.
Briarcreek—Steward Ash.
Bloomsburg—Clark Karshner, Bruce Kelchner.
Centralia—John Pursel, John White.
Centre—George Conner.
Conyngham—William Price.
Fishingcreek—M. L. Coleman, P. D. Wesley, Charles Whitenight.
Greenwood—W. B. Eyer, A. S. Kramer, Samuel Miller.
Hemlock—Charles Hartman, John Welliver.
Jackson—Philip Hirleman.
Locust—L. H. Daniel
Mifflin—A. W. Snyder.
Orange—J. H. Herring.

TRAVERSE JURORS, FIRST TUESDAY, 10 A. M.

Beaver—Simon Hons, Samuel Longenberger.
Benton Twp—Bradley Evans.
Berwick—F W Bower.
Bloomsburg—George E Hassert, B W Hagenbuch, W H House, George W Hess. C A Moyer.
Briarcreek—A K Moyer, Wm Adams.
Catawissa Boro—Lloyd Berger, Alfred Breech, Lucas Fahringer, Alfred Geiger, Reuben Orange, Charles H Roeder.
Centralia—John J Cain, Raymond Foy, Samuel Miller.
Centre—C T Hartman, Tillman Nagle.
Conyngham—Lloyd Baker, Thomas Colihan, James Kostenbauder.
Fishingcreek—O D Hagenbuch.
Franklin—Thomas M Mensch.
Greenwood—Charles Wright.
Hemlock—J S Neyhart.
Jackson—N B Hess, Wartman Parker, C W Young.
Locust—C S W Fox, W B Snyder, R M Watkins.
Main—Alex Bittler, Frank Deemer, John Knecht.
Mifflin—John Rhoads.
Millville—Wm E Johnson.
Montour—John Summer.
Orange—Jasper Poust, Geo W Hess.
Pine—H F Greenly.
Scott—Chas Custer, Benson Creveling, James B Miller.
Sugarloaf—W S Case.

TRAVERSE JURORS, SECOND MONDAY, 10 A. M.

Benton Boro Thos Stevenson, A W Wilkinson.
Benton Twp—A W Drescher, Clinton Hartman.
Berwick—Warren Jacoby.
Bloomsburg—Charles Culp, Martin Erastmus, J W Eyer, Wm Gerringer, Wesley Hippensteel, Thos Sands. Elias Utt, Thos Webb.
Briarcreek—Samuel Conner.
Catawissa Boro—George S Gilbert.
Centralia—David C Black, Bernard Darrah, Wm Doyle.
Centre—Norman Smith.
Conyngham—Daniel Roach.
Fishingcreek—Reuben Boston, Samuel J Harrison.
Hemlock—John H Miller.
Jackson—Emanuel Yorks.
Locust—John Oliver.
Madison—H J Gingles, Baltis Sterling.
Main—J A Fisher.
Mifflin—H V Bower.
Mt Pleasant—Frank P Davis.
Orange—J E Hayhurst.
Pine—H E Watts.
Roaringcreek—Leander Fetterman.
Scott—J E Boone, R C Johnson, David Shettler.

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Time Table in effect June 26, '98

Scranton(D & H) lv	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
	| 6 45	| 9 3	| 2 18	| 4 27
Pittston "	7 08	10 0	2 40	4 52
Wilkesbarre. lv	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
	| 7 30	$10 15	| 3 12	$ 6 00
Plym'th Ferry "	7 38	10 20	3 20	6 08
Nanticoke "	7 46	10 27	3 30	6 17
Mocanaqua "	8 04	10 45	3 50	6 37
Wapwallopen "	8 13	10 55	3 58	6 47
Nescopeck ar	8 24	11 10	4 10	7 00
Pottsville lv	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
	$ 6 00	$	$12 35	$
Hazleton "	7 10	11 35	2 00	5 50
Tomhicken "	7 20	11 45	2 30	6 10
Fern Glen "	7 38	12 04	2 28	6 31
Rock Glen "	7 43	1 40	2 35	6 42
Nescopeck ar	8 07	.....	3 00	6 56
Nescopeck lv	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
	$ 8 14	$11 10	$ 4 10	$ 7 1
Creasy "	8 33	Via	4 18	7
Espy Ferry "	| 8 43	Rock	| 4 2	7 08
E. Bloomsburg "	8 47	Glen	4 20	7 20
Catawissa ar	8 55	P. M. 12 25	4 26	
Catawissa lv	8 55	1 20	4 26	
S. Danville "	9 14	12 38	4 55	7 47
Sunbury "	9 35	1 00	5 17	8 10
Sunbury lv	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
	| 9 45	$ 1 10	$ 5 45	| 9 25
Lewisburg ar	10 15	1 45	6 18	.....
Milton "	10 10	1 39	6 12	9 50
Williamsport "	11 00	2 30	7 05	10 40
Lock Haven "	11 59	3 40	8 06	.....
Renovo "	A. M.	4 40	9 00	.....
Keating "	.....	9 05	.....	.....
Lock Haven lv	P. M.	P. M.	.....	.....
	$12 10	$3 45		
Bellefonte ar	1 05	4 44	.....	.....
Tyrone "	2 15	6 10	.....	.....
Phillipsburg "	1 23	8 26	.....	.....
Clearfield "	5 07	9 09	.....	.....
Pittsburg "	6 25	11 30	.....	.....
Sunbury lv	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
	| 9 50	$ 1 55	| 5	$ 8 26
Harrisburg ar	11 30	$ 3 20	6 57	$10 05
Philadelphia ar	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.
	$ 3 00	| 3	$10 2	| 4 20
Baltimore "	3 11	6 00	9 4	6 25
Washington "	4 10	7 12	10 55	7 30
Sunbury lv	A. M.	P. M.	.....	.....
	$10 05	$ 2 25		
Lewistown Jc ar	P. M. 12 05	$ 4 23	.....	.....
Pittsburg "	$ 6 55	$11 30	.....	.....
Harrisburg lv	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
	| 11 45	4 50	| 7 3	$10 30
Pittsburg ar	P. M. | 6 55	$11 30	A. M. $ 2 00	A. M. $ 5 30

$ Weekdays. Daily. f Flag station

Pittsburg lv	P. M. | 8 10	P. M. | 8 10	A. M. | 3 10	A. M. | 8 00
Harrisburg ar	A. M. | 3 30	A. M. | 3 30	$10 00	P. M. | 2 20
Pittsburg lv	.....	A. M.	.....	A. M. | 8 10
Lewistown Jc "	.....	† 7 30	.....	P. M. † 3 05
Sunbury ar	.....	† 9 8	.....	† 5 00
Washington lv	P. M. $10 40	A. M.	A. M. † 7 50	A. M. $10 50
Baltimore "	$11 50	| 4 55	| 8 59	$12 00
Philadelphia "	$11 20	| 4 30	| 8 30	$12 26
Harrisburg lv	A. M. | 3 35	A. M. | 8 05	A. M. †11 40	P. M. † 4 00
Sunbury ar	| 5 05	| 9 40	1 10	† 5 44
Pittsburg lv	P. M. $ 1 00	.....	A. M. $ 3 30	A. M. $ 8 00
Clearfield "	4 09	.....	.....	9 31
Philipsburg "	4 56	.....	.....	10 12
Tyrone "	7 15	.....	† 8 10	12 30
Bellefonte "	8 31	.....	9 32	1 42
Lock Haven ar	9 30	.....	10 30	2 43
Erie lv	P. M. | 4 30	A. M.	A. M.	P. M. .....
Kane "	7 55	.....	† 6 27	.....
Renovo "	11 10	† 6 40	10 30	.....
Lock Haven "	11 55	† 7 33	11 25	† 3 00
Williamsport "	A. M. 12 50	| 8 30	P. M. †12 15	4 00
Milton "	1 40	9 18	1 27	4 52
Lewisburg "	.....	9 05	1 15	4 47
Sunbury ar	2 06	9 45	1 55	5 30
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S. Danville "	6 33	10 17	2 21	6 0
Catawissa "	6 54	10 35	2 37	6 2
E. Bloomsburg "	Via	10 43	2 43	6 3
Espy Ferry "	Rock	$10 47	2 47	† 6 3
Creasy "	Glen.	10 56	2 55	6 4
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Wapwallopen ar	8 18	11 22	3 19	7 08
Mocanaqua "	8 28	11 32	3 30	7 21
Nanticoke "	8 48	11 54	3 50	7 42
Plym'th Ferry "	f 8 56	P. M 12 02	4 00	7 52
Wilkesbarre "	9 05	12 10	4 10	8 00
Pittston(D & H) ar	A. M. † 9 41	P. M †12 49	P. M † 4 52	P. M † 8 38
Scranton " "	10 10	1 16	5 20	9 0[illegible]

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For Danville and Milton, weekdays, 7.30 a. m. 3.40.

For Catawissa weekdays 7.30, 8.38, 11.30 a. m., 12.20, 3.40, 5.00 6 30, p. m.

For Rupert weekdays 7.30, 8.38 11.30 a. m., 12.20, 3.40, 5.00, 6.30, p. m.

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Leave Reading 12.15 p. m.

Leave Pottsville 12.30 p. m.

Leave Tamaqua 1.49 p. m.,

Leave Williamsport weekdays 10.00 a m, 4.30 p m.

Leave Catawissa weekdays, 7.00, 8.20 9.10 a. m. 1.30 3.40, 6 08

Leave Rupert, weekdays, 7.08, 8.28, 9.18 11.40 a. m., 1.38 3.50, 6.30.

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Leave Philadelphia, Chestnut Street wharf and South Street wharf for Atlantic City.

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Leave Atlantic City, depot, : WEEK-DAYS—Express, 7.35, 9 00 a. m., 3 30, 5.30 p. m. Accom., 8.15 a. m., 4.05 p. m. SUNDAYS—Express, 4.00, 7.30 p. m. Accom., 7 15 a m., 4.15 p. m.

For Cape May, Sea Isle City and Ocean City. Weekdays—9.00 a m., additional for Cape May, 4.15 p. m., for Sea Isle City, 5.00 p m., for Ocean City. 4.15, 5.00 p. m. Sundays—Chestnut street, 9.15 a. m., South street, 9.00 a. m.

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HISTORY OF TWO BLACK DIAMONDS.

One-Time Spanish Crown Jewels in Possession of an American.

Just now, when everything concerning Spain is of more or less interest, a couple of one-time jewels of the Spanish crown attract more than usual attention. They are two wonderful black pearls, which, originally coming from the far East, have found their way to America by way of the Spanish crown. It was a good many years ago, when Spain was a powerful nation, that the jewels were placed in the crown. Perhaps black pearls, which seem an appropriate emblem for the proud and haughty Dons, are not their lucky stones. At any rate they remained in the possession of the royal family for 300 years, but in the meantime the Spanish heads that wore the crowns had been proverbially uneasy, and the fortunes of the country were not as bright as they had been.

One king, perhaps a little more superstitious than the others, had the dark gems removed from the crown to make room for stones of more cheerful appearance. It was after that that Napoleon's troops invaded the country and a Spanish officer of the royal troops, displaying great gallantry, was rewarded with the black pearls which had been crown jewels. They did not prove to be lucky stones, and eventually they found their way to America, and now belong to the private collection of precious stones of Mrs. Cella Whipple Wallace, who is called the "Diamond Queen" of Chicago.

Mrs. Wallace ha not only a wonderful collection of diamonds, but of opals, of which she is particularly fond, and the black pearls are a unique feature of her collection.

She wears them in a brooch, one set in the brooch proper surrounded by an army of diamonds, and the other also surrounded by diamonds and suspended by a jeweled chain.

How are the mighty fallen when the jewels of the Spanish crown are worn by a Chicago "Diamond Queen."—New York Times.

THIMBLES FOR PLAYING THE PIANO.

And Also For Typists. Said to Save the Nerves of the Worker.

Thimbles for pianists and typists—that is something new for you. Either of these young ladies finds that incessant use of the fingers pounding on the ivories all day long, or for six, seven or eight hours in rapid and constant manner, is very nervous work. The tips of the fingers are nerve centers. In fact, the most sensitive part of the entire body is the end of the finger. If this nerve center comes in harsh contact with the solid ivory keys thousands of times during the day—in fact one might say millions of times—think what a strain on the nervous system.

It is no wonder that these ivory manipulators of either sort give out and become nervous wrecks in the course of time. Some physicians have even gone so far as to say that a typewriter cannot retain her vigor of nerve for longer than five years, and it is well known that a pianist often has nervous prostration.

These new thimbles are made of rubber and intended to lessen the shock to the nerve centers. They are made to fit the ends of the fingers as the glove fingers fit. They are made in sets according to the size of the glove worn, and can be ordered in that way. Of course the typewriter does not need full sets, but the fingers which are used the most will be greatly relieved by their use.

A pneumatic ring cushion forms the end of the thimble. In making a number of carbon copies the amount of strength required is lessened by their use. It is said that the speed is also increased at least ten per cent. It is certain that they save the ends of the fingers from becoming callous or cracked, and save the nails from breaking and splitting.—New York Herald.

SINGULAR NAVAL ACCIDENTS.

One Ship Taken Over a Town and Back Again by a Tidal Wave.

Curious accidents to our warships characterized the early history of our navy. When the government built ten new gunboats to prosecute the war against Tripoli, in 1805, they were sent out as soon as they were finished and before they were named. Each one was given a number and dispatched to the scene of the war. No. 7 sailed from New York June 20, 1805, under command of Lieutenant Ogelvie, and after she cleared Sandy Hook light she was never heard from again. She went down with all on board before she had ever been named.

A most extraordinary accident happened to the corvette Monongahela at Santa Cruz in 1867. While at anchor in the harbor a tremendous tidal wave lifted her upon its crest and carried her clean over the town of Frederichstadt and back again without injuring the town or the boat to any great extent. The receding wave landed her on the beach instead of in the deep waters of the harbor, and it cost our government $100,000 to float her again.

Fully as strange was the fate of the sloop of war Wateree. She was anchored in the harbor of Arica, Peru, in 1868, when a huge tidal wave swept inland and flooded the whole city. The wave carried the sloop several miles inland, and finally landed her in the midst of a tropical forest. It was impossible to release her from such a peculiar position, and the government sold her for a nominal sum. The purchasers turned the vessel into a hotel, and the remains of the once formidable war vessel loom up in the tropical forest to-day as a monument to the power of tidal waves.—Leslie's Weekly.

IS POLYGAMY REVIVING?

The Presbyterians Allege That It Is, and the Press Sustains Them.

The revival of polygamy in Utah is a live question. Religious politicians are stirred as never since her admission to Statehood. Suppressed mutterings are heard all over the State.

The Salt Lake Bee says "As to the existence of polygamy in Utah, no one doubts it, and that it has increased since Statehood is known to all who have opportunities of observation. Not only have old family relations been resumed, but new marriages have been contracted and are being contracted almost daily. Those who protest that there is no polygamy in Utah assume that the people of Utah are a class of chumps. The Church apologists claim there have been no plural marriages since the manifesto. Maybe not; but men in the Church who have had one or more wives have taken other women to their homes and supported them as wives. No matter what it is called, the polygamy question is going to get a good stirring up. The Church leaders, of course, in the face of the manifesto, would not admit that polygamy is now being practised, and in order to keep out of trouble from man made laws they solemnly deny it. But they justify this deception on the ground that polygamy is commanded by God."

And the Springville Independent has this to say: "The arraignment cannot be safely ignored. It does not charge, as some of the press seem to infer, that polygamous marriages are not being solemnized. It does charge that authoriative persons are teaching that celestial marriages are an essential part of Mormon faith, that God is a polygamist and that Jesus Christ was the husband of three wives. Nothing of recent years in religous matters has succeeded in stirring up such a tremendous excitement, and it must be met an answered.

"You may hear a priest comfort the mourners at the funeral of a young man who has died without having entered wedlock, with the promise to seal a wife to him in heaven. And women go to the temples and are married to dead men."

BALKY HORSE CONQUERED.

With No More Formidable Weapon Than a Paddle.

"I have owned and used many horses," said a resident of Lewiston, "among which were several balky ones. I once owned a team, the best one I ever had, that at times were stubborn and ugly and would not work. One morning when we were going out in the field with a heavy load we came to a steep pitch in the road, the nigh horse, as usual, flared up and then the other. We tried to start them by coaxing and by using the lash, but it was no use; they refused to move. At last I became infuriated and would have killed the horses with a good will, but it was of no avail. I left the team standing there that morning, went back to the house and decided to leave them there, when a thought struck me that proved successful.

"I took a wide board and, making it into the shape of a paddle, proceeded to the field. Once more we tried the horses, but it was no use; they were determined not to move. Taking the weapon which I had made, I struck first one horse, then the other a few blows, and to my great surprise they started at a rapid rate. After that I always kept the paddle-shaped weapon in my wagon and when they refused duty I merely had to show it to them. I have tried this same rule on many other horses and I never knew it to fail."

"What is your theory? It certainly cannot be the hardness of the blow?"

"My theory is that the animals are started from fright, caused by the jar of the board."—Lewiston, Me., Journal.

After the First Quarrel.

"Go!" she exclaimed, "and never speak to me again!"

He passed out into the unsympathetic night, but paused when he reached the sidewalk and drew something from one of his inside pockets. As he did so the beautiful girl, who was watching him from the vestibule, uttered a shrill scream and ran toward him.

"Albert!" she cried, "what would you do? Pray do not kill yourself! Throw your revolver away and let us forget our quarrel!"

"It isn't a revolver," he replied, as he caught her in his arms. "It is a monkey wrench I borrowed from you that day my wheel broke down. I have been wearing it next to my heart ever since."

Then they returned to the parlor and took up the thread of love's young dream where it had been broken.—Chicago Daily News.

Cholly's Predicament.

Farmer—Hey thar! Git a move on! Ther bull will ketch you sure!

Cholly—Aw, but I cawn't! I've spwained me ankle!

Farmer—Well, use yer cane, an' ye kin git ter ther wall!

Cholly—Weally, I couldn't, don't yer know! It's such beastly bad form to walk with your stick, don't yer know! —New York Ledger.

Why Willie Stopped Smiling.

The salesman was showing Willie the new styles of golf stockings, and said: "You have just the legs to display this pattern."

"Yes?" murmured Willie, with a complacent smile.

"They are long and the same size all the way up," continued the clerk, and the smile faded away—Spokesman Review.

HOW A WOUND HEALS.

When the Blood is Pure a Wound Heals Quickly. The Fact Demonstrated in the Case of a Baptist Clergyman of Ashley, Ohio.

From the Times, Ashley, Ohio.

Elder A. S. Shoemaker has been a lifelong resident of Ashley, Ohio, and is favorably known by a wide circle of friends in this part of the state. For many years he was a prominent Baptist minister. He has been Mayor of Ashley for three successive terms, filling the position with dignity and honor, and has held other offices of trust.

He is sixty-six years of age, hale and hearty, and attributes his present healthful condition entirely to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

"For about twenty-five years," he says "I was afflicted with rheumatism and was constantly in pain. I could not remain in one position for but a few moments at a time and could sleep but little at night. I was dragging out a miserable existence. Especially in damp, lowery weather I would be very miserable. I frequently remarked that I was a traveling barometer, as I could always tell when a change in the weather was coming. I tried a great many remedies that were recommended, but they did not help me.

"One day while at work and complaining of my pain in the presence of Mr. Elias Bishop, a neighbor, he asked me if I had ever tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People; I told him no. I had never heard of them. He advised me to try them, saying they had benefited him and might help me." I replied, that I had no faith in any medicine as I had tried so many different remedies without receiving any benefit that I did not think it worth while to throw away more money.

"Time passed on for nearly a year until one night I was suffering intense pain and I thought of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and concluded to try them. In the morning I went to the drug store and purchased a box of the pills and commenced using them according to directions.

"It was the wisest thing I ever did. On the third night after commencing their use I went to bed and slept all night without a particle of pain. I continued taking the pills until I used five boxes and have not felt any symptoms of my old trouble since that time, now two years ago.

"Just after I stopped the use of the pills I met with an accident. In chopping wood I cut my foot very badly, the axe going clear through the instep of my foot. It was thought the wound would be very hard to heal for a man of my age, but to the surprise of everybody it healed quickly without any difficulty. I attribute this also to the good condition of my blood through the use of the pills."

In rheumatism the blood has an acid impurity which irritates the sensitive tissues that unite the joints and cover the muscles, thus causing those indescribable tortures which rheumatic sufferers endure. Rheumatism is always dangerous as it is liable to attack the heart.

Years ago those afflicted, were bled; as if taking away some of the impure blood could remedy the balance. This folly has been abandoned, and to-day physicians prescribe and druggists recommend the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, as these marvelous vegetable pills go directly to the seat of the trouble exerting a powerful influence in purifying and enriching the blood by eliminating poisonous elements and renewing health-giving forces, thus making a potent remedy for curing this disease.

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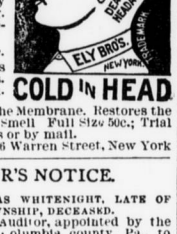

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ESTATE OF MATTHIAS WHITENIGHT, LATE OF HEMLOCK TOWNSHIP, DECEASED.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, Pa., to distribute money in hands of executors, will sit, at the office of T. J. Vandersllice, Esq., in Bloomsburg, Pa., on Thursday, Dec. 1st, 1898 at 10 o'clock a. m., to attend to the duties of his appointment, when and where all parties interested in said estate must appear, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

11-24-3t W. H. RHAWN, Auditor.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the following account has been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia County, Penna., and will be presented to the said Court on the first Monday of December, A. D. 1898, and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter, will be confirmed absolute:

1. Account of Joseph W. Reese, committee of Emily K. Gilbert, lunatic, now deceased.

W. H. HENRIE,
Bloomsburg, Pa., Nov 10, 1898 Prothy.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all legatees, creditors and other persons interested in the estates of the respective decedents and minors that the following administrators, executors guardians, accounts have been filed in the office of the Register of Columbia county, and will be presented for confirmation and allowance in the Orphans' Court to be held in Bloomsburg, Monday, December 5th, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., of said day.

No. 1. First and final account of Frank L. Freas, Executor of the estate of Elizabeth Fowler, deceased, late of Scott township.

No. 2. First and final account of John E. Evans, administrator of Clarinda Evans, deceased.

C. B. ENT,
Register and Recorder,
Register's Office
Bloomsburg Pa., Nov. 10th, 1898.

WIDOW'S APPRAISEMENTS

The following Widow's Appraisements will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Columbia County on the first Monday of December, A. D., 1898, and confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within four days thereafter, will be confirmed absolute.

Estate of B. F. Edgar, late of Bloomsburg. Personalty $300.

Estate of Samuel H Sitler, dec'd, late of Center township. Personalty $6.50. Realty $238.50.

Estate of Jonathan R. Gordner, late of the Borough of Berwick. Personalty $271.50.

W. H. HENRIE,
Clerk of Orphans' Court.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John A. Funston, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration, with the will annexed, on the estate of John A. Funston, late of the town of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to Charles W. Funston, resident of said town, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

CHARLES W. FUNSTON, e. t. a.,
10 20-6t. *Administrator.*

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Earle Hess, Deceased.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia County, Pa., to pass upon exceptions and make distribution, will sit, to perform the duties of his appointment, at the office of Robert Buckingham, Esq., in the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., on Thursday, November 24, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested must appear, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.

11-3-4t W. H. RHAWN, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

ESTATE OF WM. H. YORGEY, DEC'D.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Columbia county, Pa., to pass on exceptions, &c., and make distribution of the funds in hands of administrators, as shown by their first and final account filed, will sit, for the purposes of his appointment, at the office of Freeze & Harman, on Centre street, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Friday, Nov. 25th, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested may appear and support their exceptions, or prove their claims, as the case may be, or be forever debarred.

JOHN G. HARMAN,
11-3-4t. Auditor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE
—OF VALUABLE—

REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned, administrator of the estate of Hiram R. Kline, late of the Township of Orange, County of Columbia, and State of Pennsylvania, will sell, on the premises, on

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2d, 1898,

at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described real estate, situate in the village of Orangeville, township, county and state as aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, to wit: On the north by Pine street, on the east by an alley, on the south by lot of ——— and on the west by Mill street, whereon are erected a

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C. W. MILLER, Attorney. Administrator. 11-11 ts.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a writ of Vend. Ex., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Columbia county and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House in Bloomsburg, Pa., on

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30, 1898,

at two o'clock p. m., all these sundry lots and premises, situate in the village of Mifflinville, in the Township of Mifflin, in Columbia County, Pennsylvania, as follows, to wit: Three out lots in the said village, marked, numbered and described in the general plan of said village, as out lots Nos. 42, 43 and 105, and in lots Nos. 109, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168 and 115, property of the said Hiram Eckroth, and also on all the right, title and interest, of the said Hiram Eckroth in the following described real estate, situate in the same village and plot of ground, to wit: The house and ground comprising the late residence of Lewis Eckroth, deceased, being in lot No. 24, and part in lot No. 25, whereon are erected a large two-story

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and a frame barn and outbuildings, with fruit and water on the premises, with the appurtenances, and also on all the right, title and interest, of said Hiram Eckroth, in lots on Front street, in said village, Nos. 74 and 75. Also on all that piece and tract of land adjoining lands of S. Knecht and D. H. Hess, containing

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NOTES FROM ESPY.

A protracted effort is being put forth by Rev. H. D. Flannagan in the M. E. church.

C. R. Creveling has accepted a position as clerk in the John Hidlay store at Bloomsburg.

W. B. Everitt, having recently returned from the west with his family, is now running an omnibus from Espy to Bloomsburg every day, leaving at 1 p. m. and returning at 3 p. m. This is quite convenient for shoppers, and others having business at the county seat.

Chas. Abbott can now be seen at Diettrich's store, roasting O. K. coffee and smiling upon customers. Charles is a killer, and we predict an overwhelmingly big trade at Diettrich's in the near future.

William Milnes Jr., of Scranton, spent last week in town visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Milnes.

T. W. Hartman, who recently met with a severe accident by falling from a ladder, has practically recovered from his injuries.

Miss Anna McKamey is home from a visit to Kingston and other places.

Fowler & Waples have established a grocery store in the store room recently vacated by S. K. Worman.

Mrs. J. W. Milnes is visiting at Scranton.

A. H. Best, for several years bartender at the Espy hotel, has resigned his position and has left for the west.

Miss Dawson of Bloomsburg, was the guest of Miss Belle Ruckle over Sunday.

S. K. Worman is building a new bicycle and general repair shop opposite the hotel. Samuel is a skilled workman, and deserves liberal patronage.

Lemuel Kressler of Bloomsburg, was in Espy Sunday night. Wonder howscum.

A. F. McCollum has recovered from a week's illness.

The first of a series of entertainments under the auspices of the Lutheran Alliance, will be held this Saturday evening in the Town Hall. The small admission fee of 5 cents will be charged. Many interesting and really meritorious features have been arranged for, among them being an exhibition of the latest improved talking machine, the Graphophone, which will be conducted by Mr. D. J. Tasker, of Bloomsburg.

The announcement of the contents of *Harper's Magazine* for December shows a large number of short stories written by well-known writers and illustrated by prominent artists. The opening one, "Old Captain," by Myles Hemenway, is illustrated by Howard Pyle with eleven drawings, including the frontispiece in color. Among the others are "An Esmeralda of Rocky Canyon," by Bret Hart, illustrated by Peter Newell; "The Second Wooing of Salina Sue," by Ruth McEnery Stuart, illustrated by A. B. Frost; "The White Heron," by Fiona Macleod, illustrated by Albert E. Sterner; "How Santa Claus was Saved," by Mary T. van Denburgh, illustrated by W. T. Smedley; and "The Unexpectedness of Mr. Horace Shields," by Margaret Deland, illustrated by Howard Pyle.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Dec. 6, 1898:

Mr. L. F. Chase Mr. C. E. Crawford, Fred Derr, Mr. Alex Grem, Ellis Greenly, Mr. Maurice Kisel, Jno. Phillips, Mr. Wm. Seibert, Alonzo Ward.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say that they were advertised Nov. 24, 1898.

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Lippincott's Magazine for December, 1898.

The complete novel in the December issue of *Lippincott's* is by Annie Eliza Brand, and has its action mainly in London. "Mrs. Russell's Sister" is a young, well-to-do, and attractive widow, who takes a small house in a back street with a view to benefiting her humbler neighbors: but her philanthropic efforts are apt to require masculine assistance, and all her fortitute cannot keep her lovers at a distance.

"Lincoln of Coyote," by James T. McRay, is a plain Western tale of a weak and alcoholic husband, a wife whose patience is worn out, a dubious friend, and a faithful one who does what he can to mitigate the tragedy and acts as a sort of presiding genius.

"Nobody's Fool," as described by L. S. Bernard, was an unpretentious person who knew how to turn the tables on a worthless wife.

Charlotte Adams, in "Six Weeks on the Stage," gives an account of a brief and unprofitable theatrical experience.

Kate Mason Rowland sketches "Philadelphia a Century Ago," chiefly through letters of Mrs. Stoddert, wife of our first Secretary of the Navy, when the city of Penn was the national capital.

"Babylon the Great" is reconstructed from its ruins by Austin Bierbower who makes that mighty city of the remote past live again before us.

Some account of "Verona" is by the late Bishop William Stevens Perry of Iowa.

"Table Sundries" (nuts, eggs, berries, etc.) are described by Calvin Dill Wilson.

"Rudolf's Decision," in Anthony Hope's last romance, is discussed by Frederic M. Bird, who aims to show that the case was clear, not open, as some have supposed.

Alfred Balch takes ground for "Signature in Newspapers,—*i. e.*, that reporters and others should bear the responsibility and get credit for what they write.

The poetry of this number is by Mary E. Stickney, Carrie Blake Morgan, Grace F. Pennypacker, and Francis Sterne Palmer.

TRIAL LIST

For December Term of Court, Commencing Monday, December 12th.

David Llwellyn vs. C. W. Kline.
Susan Cooper vs Margaret Averal et al.
Lloyd P. Fox vs George Fox, Exr., et al.
Susan Cooper vs. Daniel Miller.
Martha A. Case vs. D. L. & W. R. R. Co
Wm. Case vs. D. L. & W. R. R. Co.
Wm Hoffman, Admr., use, vs. Wm. Hopper and Mary Hopper.
Howard R. Snyder vs. James Magee, 2d.
Dennison Brink vs. the Twp. of Hemlock.
The Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co., of Middle Pa., now to use of Harry S. Knight, Receiver, vs. Bartold Kierhoff.
Locust Mountain Coal & Iron Co. vs. George Wyatt.
Robert S. Howell vs. Daniel Snyder and wife.
Charles C. Evans, executor of John Hunt, deceased, vs. D. Z. Remaley.
Mary Lesher, widow of Matthias Lesher, vs. Lehigh Valley Coal Co.
John Rovats vs. Lehigh Valley Coal Co.
Uriah Brooke vs Christian Small, Jr.
Wm. C. Sponsler vs. Wm. Walp et al.
Rebecca J. Martin vs. Boyd R. Yetter.
J. B. Robison vs. Benj. H. Karns et al.
W. J Mohr vs. Joe C. Eves et al.
Simon Abelis' use vs. B. J. Doyle et al.
John O'Conner vs. Mid Valley Coal Co.
H. E. Elston vs. Wilson U. Jury.
W. M Weaver vs. Henry Deighmiller and Hiram Sterling
Beneville Rhoads vs. G. W. Billig and W. M 'Lemon.
Theodore Yeager vs. W. H. Stebbins.
Theodore Doster et al. vs. Elizabeth Johnson et al.

ARGUMENT LIST.

Commonwealth vs. Hiram Albertson.
Mary C. Kline vs. Rebecca J. Adams.
C. D. Hamlin vs. N. E. Hamlin.
David Naus vs. William Roady.
Simon Abelis' use vs. B. J. Doyle.
In re annexation of territory to Boro of Berwick.
In re road in Catawissa and Main Twps, from river bridge to Mainville.
Madison Township Poor Dist. vs. Bloom Poor Dist.
Road in Greenwood Twp, near Heacock's R. R. Station.
Road in Catawissa Twp., near Daniel Morris' barn.
In re division of Briarcreek Twp. into two Twps.
Francis Evans, trustee, vs Henry M. Martz.
Metropolitan Collecting Co. and Danville Stove Mfg. Co.vs. Anna M. Berninger et al.
Jeremiah Snyder vs. Christian Adams.
Road in Franklin Twp., near Francis Ely's.
Quaker City Watch Co. vs. H. R. Irvin, Deft., and Scott E. Fenstemacher, garnishee.
Estate of John Michael, deceased.
The Leader Co., Ltd., vs. Thos. Gorrey.
C. C. Peacock's use vs. M. A. Albertson.
J. E. Wilson vs. M A. Albertson.
Estate of Boyd A. Kile, deceased.

Joseph Garrison's Fifth street property is undergoing extensive improvements.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Columbia County Annual Teachers' Institute will be held in the Normal Auditorium, beginning Monday, November 28th at 2 p. m., and ending Friday, December 2nd at noon. Superintendent J. K. Miller has prepared an excellent program, and has secured the services of a number of prominent instructors. The officers of the institute are as follows:

President, Ex-Officio—John K. Miller, County Supt.
Vice Presidents—E. E. Garr, Supervisory Principal of the Schools of Berwick; C. L. Hirleman, Supervisory Principal of the Schools of Benton.
Enrolling Secretaries—Earl M. Creveling, James M. Miller.
Recording Secretary—A. U. Lesher.
Door-keeper—Samuel Pursel.
Committee on Resolutions — Boyd Trescott, W. C. Mauser, W. E. Elmes, Chester B. Lewis, Sarah Diseroad.
Reception Committee—W. L. Houck, Harry Barton, Jennie Campbell, Drusilla Berriman, Hattie Shellenberger.
Auditing Committee—B. F. Kelley, Charles Nagle, E. K. Freas.

The following instructors have been engaged:

Dr. Nathan C. Shaeffer, Supt. of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pa.
Dr. Jacques W. Redway, Physiographic Science, Utica, N. Y.
Dr. Lincoln Hulley, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.
Dr. J. B. DeMotte, Scientist, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Mrs. Matilde Coffin Ford, Language and Reading, New York City.
Mrs. Anna M. Hammer, Scientific Temperance.
Dr. Andrew Graydon, M. D. Bloomsburg, Pa.
Prof. O. H. Yetter, Director of Music, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Miss Marion Evelyn Harter, Violinist. Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.
Mrs. Fred Holmes, Pianist, Bloomsburg, Pa.

The evening entertainments are as follows:

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Lecture—Electricity and Civilization, Prof. John B. DeMotte.
Music—B. S. N. S. Orchestra.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Music—Miss Marion Evelyn Harter.
Lecture—The Twentieth Century Woman, John Temple Graves.
Music—B. S. N. S. Orchestra.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Reception given by Trustees and Faculty of B. S. N. S. in the Gymnasium at 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING.

John Thomas Concert Company.

By reason of having secured the Normal Auditorium for holding the Institute, without any cost, which greatly lessens the expenses, Course tickets will be sold at $1.00. The teachers' enrollment will also be one dollar.

Diagram for reserved seats will be open at Bidleman's book store, Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

THANKSGIVING.

It is hoped that the good people of Bloomsburg will respond liberally to the call for a collection to be used for the relief of such of the poor of our town as may be suffering from sickness as well as poverty.

The collection taken on Thanksgiving Day for the last fifteen years has been used exclusively for that purpose—just named; never yet has the amount been adequate to the demand, but has been supplemented by individual subscriptions amounting in some instances to one hundred dollars.

Let us have a good generous donation this year.

As God has given to you, so give to those who are less fortunate, remembering that "Whosoever giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, and he will surely repay."

While I have nearly regained my usual good health, I do not expect to do as much active work among the destitute as heretofore; but I have several efficient helpers among the King's Daughters who will do the work under my supervision.

MRS. M. C. WALKER,
Agent for Ladies' Union Benevolent Society.

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BOARDING.

Good board by the day or week can be obtained at west corner of Market and Third streets. Terms reasonable.

11-24-4t. JOHN WOLF, AGT.

WYOMING NOT IN IT.

The Wilkesbarre *Record* gives the following account of the game of foot ball between the Normal School and Wyoming Seminary at the latter place.

"In spite of the rain a large crowd assembled on Wyoming field on Saturday to witness an excellent game of foot ball with Bloomsburg. The score was 6 to 0 in favor of Bloomsburg.

Nobody seems to be able to account for the Seminary's failure to score. Twice they had the ball on Bloomsburg's goal line and once within a few feet of it and nearly all the time within ten or fifteen yards. Only four minutes during the entire game was the ball in Wyoming's territory, but those four minutes meant a touchdown for Bloomsburg.

Both teams played a straight, manly game. The students speak in the highest terms of the visitors, and the home team says that Bloomsburg left nothing to be desired in the way of conduct, and is confident that a friendly relation of the two rivals is now established on a solid footing."

The same teams will meet again today on Normal Field.

Harvard defeated Yale on Saturday at foot ball by the score of 17 to 0. This victory makes Harvard champion this year, the team having met and defeated all comers during the whole season. Of course whether the victory over Pennsylvania was earned is a matter of conjecture, and many people believe the latter team to be the better. If we are to judge the two team's strength by the scores made, in all their games, why then Pennsy is by far superior. It will be remembered that in the game against the Carlisle Indians, Pennsy ran up a tremendous big score while when Harvard tackled the red skins, it was anybody's game.

Paper Free for One Month.

THE COLUMBIAN will be sent *free* to any person in the county, on receipt of the name and address on a postal. Don't be afraid to ask for it. You will get it only four weeks, unless ordered to be continued.

We have been requested to state that Prof. Ganelleau, who will give an entertainment in the Tabernacle this Friday afternoon, Nov. 25th, is not the person who was here last year and faked the people by promising presents to the children, and then only gave away little sacks of worthless and cheap candy. We are assured that presents will be given to the children as promised.

We have received the latest sample book of society address cards and are prepared to supply cards with beautiful designs and in great variety to Masons of all degrees, Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Junior O. U. A. M., G. A. R., Union Veteran League, Sons of Veterans, Royal Arcanum, P. O. S. of A. Also cards for Firemen, Christian Endeavors and many other organizations. Call and see samples. tf.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE, for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in the hospital at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the insurgent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and the roar of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents.. Brimful of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war books. Outfit free Address. F. T. Barber, Sec'y, Star Insurance Bldg., Chicago. 10-27-16t

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between J. S. Blue and P. B. Heddens, of Bloomsburg, under the firm name of Blue & Heddens, was dissolved this day by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by said P. B. Heddens, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to the said P. B. Heddens for payment.

J. S. BLUE,
P. B. HEDDENS.
Bloomsburg, Pa., Nov. 18, 1898. 3t

W. H. Moore's.

School Shoes

—FOR—

Sunshine or Storm.

School Shoes must be made specially strong to stand the hard service required of them. My School Shoes have been carefully selected to stand the hard service.

Cash buying gives me the best made and enables me to sell them at right prices. Don't fail to see them before buying.

COR. SECOND AND IRON STS.
Bloomsburg, Pa.

THE BROADWAY

Bring the children to see our large collection of Dolls and Toys for the holiday trade. This line is unsurpassed in Bloomsburg for variety, extent & quality, while the prices are within reach of all.

Toy Tea Sets, hundreds of them, from a fair-sized article at 15c. to one large enough for practical use, at $1.25.

Magic Lanterns that will show pictures in a satisfactory manner at 48c., 98c., $1.48 each.

New lines of decorated China and Glassware.

Agency for Butterick Fashions.
December Styles now ready.

Respectfully Submitted to the Cash Trade Only by

THE BROADWAY CASH STORE,
Mover's New Building, Main Street,
BLOOMSBURG.

ISAAC LONG,
73 and 75 Public Square,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Holiday Excursions.

Thanksgiving Day past, the average mind looks forward to the next day on the calendar—Christmas.

From this time forth until then, many excursionists will visit this city, not only for shopping, but also for sight-seeing.

A sense of freedom and right of possession, makes this store's hospitality complete to the visitor, and this is one great aim of our policy of store-keeping. Of course, you may be asked, "Do you wish to see something?" But you will not be bored by over-zealous salespeople in their efforts to effect a sale. Without cant or sham, we are keeping store to make money; but our way of doing it puts such a spirit into business that it is a pleasure to shop here.

All this being so, come and see the vast aggregation of purely Christmas goods gathered here for your appreciation.

Crowding and jostling one another in their efforts to win appreciation are novel products of artistic American minds; and imported "tid bits" and "bon mots" from European art centres.

Bronzes, Dresdens, Ivories, Pottery, Cut Glass, Sterling Silver, Leathers, Gun Metals—in such a profusion that it's a sort of a "Kindergarten" for grown-up people, showing the artistic progress of civilization in matters useful and ornamental.

While in the city, our Phone, Post Box, Parcel Dep't., and all sorts of city and suburban information is at your service.

ISAAC LONG,
73 and 75 Public Square,
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

JONAS LONG'S SONS' WEEKLY CHATS.

WILKES-BARRE, PA.,

Thursday, Nov. 24th, 1898.

You want to see the Great Store at its best.—No time like now.—We've turned the entire building into a Mammoth Holiday Bazaar. Thousands of people come here for ideas. We're useful. We make our business a study, just the same as you do your household. Many a dollar is saved by the practical advice given here. We've thousands of dollars worth more of Christmas Goods than any other store; gives you greater variety; you can see more; don't have to take substitutes. Then our store is home-like, pleasant for the shopper, has every convenience to make our patrons comfortable. Probably that's the reason we have so many out of town customers. There's another reason:—No one in this city sells as good goods at such reasonable prices. You know this; your friends know it—hence the great popularity of the big store. We would like you to call in person, but remember a mail order always brings the desired results.

MILLINERY.

Children's and Misses' Trimmed Felt Cycle Hats at 50c. Women's Grey (the fashionable color) Alpine Hats. You'll like the jauntiness, 98c.

LINENS.

We know of no city where table linen values are more appreciated than here in Wilkes-Barre. Perhaps we've inspired this good feeling for our linen department by giving such unusual linen values at such unusual low prices—but that's the big store's way of making friends—and when you see these special linen offerings for this week's selling you'll feel still more kindly toward this big linen store of ours, for no such linen values have ever been offered before.

Half Bleached Table Linen, in new patterns and of extra good quality; at, per yard, 25c.

Extra Heavy Half Bleached Table Linen, full 64 inches in width, that you'd consider good value at 65c. per yard; on sale this week at, per yard, 49c.

Full Bleached Table Damask, full 68 inches in width, all new patterns, with napkins to match; a remarkable value at, per yard, 75c.

Extra Heavy Bleached Table Linen, full 70 inches in width, with napkins to match, in two sizes, an especially attractive range of patterns to choose from; special this week at, per yard, 98 cents.

Heavy Double Damask Table Linen, full 72 inches in width, with napkins to match, an unusual bargain at, per yard, $1.25.

In other grades of linen upwards as high as $2.00 per yard you will find a variety of patterns to choose from that are gems of the finest weavers' art.

NAPKINS.

Large size Napkins, with fast edges, usual value would be $1.25 per dozen; price this week, per dozen, 98c.

5-8 heavy Silver Bleached Napkins, in a variety of new designs; specially marked for this week's selling at, per dozen, $1.50.

TRAY CLOTHS.

Fringed Tray Cloths, size 18x27 inches; special at, each, 18c.

Hemstitched Tray Cloths, exceptional value at upwards from 20c.

Table Cloths, with fringed edge, full 2½ yards long; special this week at $1.50.

BOOKS.

There are very gratifying savings in book prices here. Ours is a model book department, filled to overflowing with standard works, single volumes, complete sets and special holiday books. You'll find it to your interest to visit this department, as in many cases you will be able to buy books and good ones, too, at about the cost of binding.

Our Great Toy Department on the Fourth Floor.

DOLLS, GAMES, ETC.

The interest of the little ones and older ones as well has centered in our great toy department on the fourth floor. If all Fairyland had quartered here you'd not see a more elaborate display of holiday goods than shown by us. There are many interesting features about this holiday store of ours, and you will find it interesting to pay it a visit. Other holiday goods have been quartered on our main floor, left of entrance. Here you will find an assemblage of useful as well as ornamental articles suitable for holiday gifts; Fancy Decorated China, Celluloid Articles, Holiday Cards, Frames and Sterling Silver Novelties are shown in endless variety. Pay it a visit when you are in the store.

INTERESTING NEWS OF GLOVES.

It has been stated before that ours is the best glove store hereabouts. The reason is simple and clear—the best makes only can find a place here.

SPECIAL.

Ladies' fine quality of Kid Gloves, backs with embroidered stitching and 2-clasp, in all the newest shades for fall wear; specially marked for this week's selling, at, per pair, 69c.

Our famous Chloris Kid Gloves for ladies. It's only reasonable to expect a good kid glove for $1.00, but how seldom you've been able to buy one. We have made it possible here to give you a reliable and dependable kid glove made of fresh skins correctly cut to fit the hand; made with rows of stitching on back, 2-clasp, in all the newest colors, also white and black; at, per pear, $1.00

A CHAPTER ABOUT THE RESTAURANT.

We serve a 25-cent dinner that is the talk of the town because of its excellence. We've the best oyster cook in the city, ready to serve you at all times—and in any style to suit your palate. Just try this restaurant of ours.

(Fifth Floor—Speedy Elevators.)

Jonas Long's Sons

Cor. W. Market St. and Public Sq.